

**IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND INTERIOR

ON A

FACT-FINDING DIRECTIVE ON THE

POLICE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT THE ISLAMIC

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN KUMASI, ASHANTI REGION

ON FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2022

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Following the statement made by the Member of Parliament for Asawase and Minority Chief Whip, Alhaji Mohammed-Mubarak Muntaka, on Tuesday, 14th June, 2022, on the Police shooting incident that occurred at the Islamic Senior High School, Abrepo Junction, Kumasi in the Ashanti Region on Monday, June 13th 2022, Mr Speaker referred the matter to the Committee on Defence and Interior.

1.1 Terms of Reference

The Committee was given the following terms of reference;

- i. Follow up on the investigation;
- ii. Interact with Inspector-General of Police;
- iii. The Ashanti Regional Police Command;
- iv. Visit the school; and
- v. Empathise with the victims of the incident.

1.2 Modes of Evidence Taking

The Committee in carrying out the directive agreed to carry out the mandate to meet, interact, and gather evidence in the following order of arrangement;

- i. The Inspector-General of Police and some members of the Police Management Board (POMAB);
- ii. The Ashanti Regional Police Command;
- iii. The Ashanti Regional Education Directorate and Islamic Senior High School Management;
- iv. The Islamic Senior High School's Students Representative Council;
- v. The injured students and teachers;
- vi. Visit to the scene of incident; and
- vii. The injured Police Service personnel.

1.3 Reference Materials Used During the Fact-finding Mission

The Committee referred to the following documents during its work:

- i. The Constitution of the Republic of Ghana;
- ii. The Standing Orders of Parliament;
- iii. The Statement presented by the Minority Chief Whip; and
- iv. Exhibits retrieved from Management of Islamic Senior High School.

1.4 Deliberations

The Committee met the Hon Minister for the Interior, Mr Ambrose Dery, the Inspector-General of Police, Dr George Akuffo Dampare and his team of officers from the Ghana Police Service on Thursday, 16th June, 2022, and was briefed on the Police shooting incident that occurred at the Islamic Senior High School on, Monday, 13th June, 2022. The briefing was to shed more light and provide details on what transpired on Monday, 13th June, 2022, between students of the school and officers of the Ashanti Regional Police Command at Abrepo Junction in Kumasi.

1.5 Briefing

The Committee met with the Minister for the Interior, Hon Ambrose Dery, and the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mr George Akuffo Dampare and was informed that the Ghana Police Service had commenced investigations into the matter.

The Inspector-General of Police (IGP) again informed the Committee that he and his men took action immediately after the incident was reported to his office by moving to the school to gather first-hand information on the students' location after the incident. He called the management of the school to conduct a roll call to ensure that every student was accounted for. Additionally, the IGP entreated the school to calm tempers and explain exactly how the problem that occasioned the incident began and could be addressed. The Police Professional Standards Bureau of the Ghana Police Service had

also pitched camp to conduct interviews and gather information as part of the investigations.

The Inspector-General of Police indicated that when investigations were completed, findings would be shared with the Committee and the general public. This approach according to the IGP would engender respect, trust and confidence in the Ghana Police Service.

The IGP again informed the Committee that he and his team visited the hospitals where the students were receiving treatment as a result of injuries sustained from the incident. Hospitals visited were, Suntreso Government Hospital, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, and the Manhyia District Hospital.

The IGP also stated that his team visited the seven (7) police officers who sustained injuries from stones pelted at them by students. The injured officers were treated at the Regional Police Clinic, Kumasi.

The Committee was informed that there had been some vehicular accidents involving students, teachers, and pedestrians at the school's frontage due to the absence of speed ramps and reckless driving by motorists.

The Inspector-General of Police admitted that the situation could have been used as an avenue to create a cordial relationship between the Ghana Police Service and the students. He, therefore, decided to interdict the Senior Officers of the Ashanti Regional Police Command who were on duty at the time of the incident.

He further indicated that the Police Service had come to understand and was ready to live with the fact that the public would not wait to listen to both sides of the issue before passing comments and making decisions that may lead to the formation of predetermined opinions about the Ghana Police Service. Again, sensationalism, especially in connection with social media, would always be an issue to deal with and the Police were ready to endure it. According to the IGP, the public is in a haste for the investigative report and when delays due to logistical constraints, an opportunity is created for the Ghana Police Service to be chastised even though the wheels of justice grind

slowly and it was not in the power of the Inspector-General of Police or the Police Leadership to dispense justice. He noted that the investigation was a process which needed adequate time to be done.

Lastly, the IGP touched on challenges with Ghana Police Service Training and its associated high costs of equipment, requisite gears and logistics for effective policing. This remains a huge hurdle that needs to be surmounted.

2.0 Meeting with Stakeholders

The Committee visited the Islamic Senior High School on Friday, 17th June, 2022, at the School's Conference Room and met with the Regional Director of Ghana Education Service, the Headmaster, Assistant Headmasters, Senior Housemasters, Members of the Ghana Muslim Mission, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Chairman of the school, and other interested parties to deliberate on the incident that happened on Monday, 13th June, 2022.

2.1 Account of the School's Headmaster (Mr Suleiman Yeboah)

The Headmaster in his briefing informed the the Committee that on Monday, 13th June, 2022, at about 7:00 a.m., he received a call that some students were running helter-skelter out of the school's compound. He then instructed the Housemasters to take control of the situation which was done. When he arrived on campus, he found the students on the school's premises with the gates locked. While the gate was being opened for him to enter the premises, he saw that Police officers were also forcing their way through the school's security gate. Their entry was however prevented by the school's security men.

He informed the Committee that the student body at that point began pelting stones at the Police officers who were at the main gate trying to force it open. He instructed his students to return to their classrooms. Soon after that, the police forced the school gates open and entered the school premises.

The Headmaster indicated that when the police forced the school gate open, he asked them not to proceed further since the students were already back to their classrooms. However, he was threatened to be arrested at that point. A

scuffle ensued as students began to run as a result of fear, and this led to a stampede. This stampede resulted in injuries as students and Police confrontation ensued amidst shooting and beating of the students by the police. The students in turn pelleted stones at the police. He further indicated that he then, witnessed the manhandling of students by the police officers.

The school called in the Ambulance Services and other paramedics to quickly transport students who had collapsed or suffered injury to health facilities for treatment. A total number of 38 students were injured.

The Headmaster, Mr Suleiman Yeboah again, disclosed to the Committee that the Inspector-General of Police, the Deputy Minister for Education, Hon Rev John Ntim Fordjour and the Regional Director of the Ghana Education Service, Madam Mary Owusu Afriyie, visited the school, the scene of the incident and the hospitalised students to empathise with them. When asked the reason(s) for the students demonstration, the Headmaster stated that he believed the incident was occasioned by the fact that the students thought a teacher whose car was hit by an on-coming vehicle in front of the school had died. This, in addition to a remote cause of series of accidents involving students and teachers as well as other pedestrians along the road in front of the school, prompted the action by the student.

2.2 Account of the Regional Director of the Ghana Education Service (GES) (Ms Mary Owusu Afriyie)

The Regional Director informed the Committee that she visited the school's campus and proceeded to visit the hospitalised students in the various hospitals to assess their health condition. She noted that most of them had collapsed but she engaged with those who were conscious.

She mentioned that while interacting with the students in the hospitals some of them complained of pain in the head since Police officers had used the butt of their guns to hit them. At the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, she was informed of one asthmatic female student who was not in a stable condition and another who complained of injuries and pains in the head. A male student who had his head bandaged had been hit by a rubber bullet. She was however

assured of total care and attention by the medical doctor at the time of her visit.

Madam Mary Afriyie later toured the school facility with the facility administrator and noted that most of the students were in stable condition and most of them were discharged the following morning.

She mentioned that she returned to the school to see the scene of the incident with the Inspector-General of Police and the Deputy Minister for Education.

The Ashanti Regional Director of Education informed the Committee that she visited the Kumasi Central Police Station to follow up on the case of teachers who were arrested during the incident. She noted that the teachers had been released at the end of the day.

2.3 The Senior Housemaster's Account (Mr Sulemana Salifu)

Mr Sulemana Salifu informed the Committee that he is one of 7 resident tutors on the school campus but had gone out to take his child to school when the incident started. He returned to assist bring back most of the students to campus and also prevented other students from running helter-skelter.

In his submission to the Committee, he noted that the police began shooting right from a nearby washing bay and this caused some of the students to run into the washing bay and the filling station near the school, he therefore mobilised them back to campus. Just at the time, the Headmaster arrived, together with the housemasters and other teachers, they managed to get the students back to campus.

He further indicated that three Police officers made their way to the last floor of the girls' dormitory, he then confronted them and pushed them out of the dormitory. He explained to the Committee that the police officers then threatened to arrest him, and then shot into the sky twice.

The Housemaster then assisted the injured students to be taken to the hospital after which he reported back to the Headmaster who also reported the incident to the Regional Director of Education.

2.4 Account of a Housemaster (Mr Saeed Mohammed Owusu)

Mr Saeed Mohammed Owusu informed the Committee that he heard noise from the dormitory and enquired from two students in the dormitory about the cause of the noise but the students indicated that they did not have knowledge about what was happening. He later saw some students with red armbands who said they were going on a demonstration.

Mr Owusu at that point made a call to the Headmaster to enquire whether the Headmaster had any knowledge about the demonstration and received a negative response. The Headmaster then instructed him to ensure that all the students were on the school compound but it was too late. The students were already at the filling station near the school demonstrating. He stated that it was a challenging task asking students to return to campus because the resident teachers were very few.

He mentioned that the first batch of police officers arrived at the scene in camouflage pants with mufti tops and assisted to mobilise the students back to campus. However, when the Police reinforcement arrived and started firing and brutalising the students, he ran to find shelter with some female students in the conference room of the school's administration block.

He reiterated the fact that students started pelting stones at the police when the police came closer to the main gate.

2.5 Account of Former PTA Chairman and Member of the Ghana Muslim Mission (Mr Alhassan Oteng Amin)

In a response to the role of the leadership of the Muslim community as to what they had done to assist the school, the former PTA Chairman informed the Committee of the community's assistance in providing teachers with accommodation on campus. The lack of accommodation was a challenge for the Headmaster and most of the teachers.

Mr Alhassan Oteng Amin explained that the PTA had embarked on some projects and had done follow-ups and written several letters to the appropriate authorities to get accommodation for the Headmaster and teachers but these appeals have not yielded any result.

2.6 Account of the Student Representative Council (SRC) President, (Master Yashir Hamad Seine)

The SRC President explained that students decided to demonstrate because they wanted speed ramps mounted to avert the frequent knocking down of students and teachers. The most recent one was an accident that occurred in front of the school before Ramadan in addition to an accident involving a teacher of the school.

He also told the Committee that the police used tear gas and pepper spray on students even after they had forced them inside the school premises. He further indicated that the student body had planned the demonstration over the weekend before Monday, 13th June, 2022, and had been careful not to inform the Headmaster or any teacher of their intentions.

3.0 Meeting the Entire Student Body

The Committee met with the students of Islamic Senior High School at an assembly and addressed them. The students were commended for their concern on road safety in general, they were however, admonished not to take the law into their own hands going forward.

The students' attention were drawn to the fact that the path they chose to express their grievances could negatively affect the school. They were encouraged to make discipline their hallmark as captured in their school anthem and always inform the school's administration of any grievances to prevent recurrence of such incidents in the future. They were also advised to take their studies seriously as they were the future leaders of the country.

The students and members of the school's administration were happy to see that their concerns were being acknowledged and amidst cheers and shouts of joy assured the Committee that they would indeed maintain discipline and order.

4.0 Meeting Injured Students and Teacher

The Committee empathised with the injured students and teacher and assured them that their concerns were being noted and would be addressed appropriately.

The Committee acknowledged that the current situation was as a result of failure on the part of certain agencies in the performance of their duties to prevent this situation from occurring and apologised on their behalf.

4.1 Account of Master Sarkodie Sherriff (SHS 3 Student)

Master Sarkodie Sherriff, an SHS 3 student informed the Committee that he was hit by a rubber bullet in front of the school's administration block. He indicated that five (5) policemen followed him to the girls dormitory where he sought refuge and was assaulted. He was rescued by one of the school's security men. He then ran to one of the classrooms to hide from the police but two other policemen again followed and beat him mercilessly. He said at that point, the Senior Housemaster of the school chanced on them and dragged the officers from the classroom. He was then sent to the sick bay for treatment.

4.2 Account of Nafisa Mohammed (A Student)

Nafisa Mohammed, an SHS 2 student, told the Committee of her ordeal; she was struggling to breathe. She narrated how a police officer hit her chest with the butt of a gun and assaulted her as well. The chest injury, coupled with her pre-existing condition of asthma made it very difficult for her to breathe. She also informed the Committee that an x-ray showed that she had obtained a fractured rib as a result of her being brutalised.

4.3 Account of Abdul Kudus Ibrahim (A Student)

Abdul Ibrahim Kudus, a student, was allegedly shot with a rubber bullet on the knee cap area at close range and as a result, he is currently unable to walk at the time of the Committee's visit.

He informed the Committee that he was from the ironing bay where he had gone to iron in preparation for class. On his way to the dormitory, he realised that the police were assaulting some students, so he entered his dormitory to hide from the police. An officer then entered the room and shot him with a rubber bullet at close range.

4.4 Account of Kofi Antwi (Teacher)

Kofi Antwi, a teacher indicated to the Committee that, after he was told the cause of the student demonstration, he uttered "then the students have a justifiable cause". According to him, immediately after his statement, a constable approached him and asked if he had seen what his students were doing. His response was met with slaps and hitting to the point where he fell. While on the floor, the officer hit him with his gun and told him to stay on the ground.

He complained that this beating affected his sight and his ability to see in bright light, he experiences a sharp pain whenever light enters his eye. He said the Police still went ahead to cause his arrest and took him to the police station where he was kept till the headmaster came to facilitate his release.

The Committee requested the headmaster to present the medical reports of the thirty-eight (38) students and the teacher that sustained serious injuries for further attention. The Committee empathised with the students and wished them a speedy recovery.

5.0 Meeting Injured Police Officers

The Committee met with the injured police officers at the Ashanti Regional Police Command. The Committee was informed by the Regional Crime Officer, ACP F.K Cosmos, that seven (7) police officers were injured in the clash with the students.

The Police officers informed the Committee that on Monday the 13th of June, 2022, they received a call about an on-going demonstration at the Islamic Senior High School. They were to join some officers who had already made it to the scene. They swiftly responded and, on their arrival at about 8:00 a.m., they saw students on the street close to Abrepo Junction wielding cutlasses while blocking the road. He said they told the students to calm down but some began throwing stones. In the process, some officers sustained injuries and were rushed to the police clinic for treatment. Around 5:00 p.m., the Inspector-General of Police and his team visited the injured police officers and advised them to remain calm.

The Committee was informed that most of the injuries sustained by the police officers were from the stones pelted by students. Some sustained cuts on their fingers, legs and head. Present at the meeting was the physician assistant, DSP Godwin Adu Asante who treated the seven (7) injured police officers.

The Committee further extended their sympathy to the Police officers and wished them a speedy recovery.

6.0 Observations and Recommendations

6.1 Provision of On-campus Facilities for the School

The Committee observed that the school lacked residential facilities to accommodate the Headmaster, Housemaster, Housemistresses, staff bungalows as well as an Assembly Hall.

The Committee again observed that there were only seven (7) resident teachers managing about 3000 boarding students. This huge disparity made it difficult to maintain order on campus. The Committee therefore believed that the situation made it difficult for the housemasters to keep an eye on students at all times and that in cases of emergencies students would not have a specific place to converge.

The Committee recommends that the residential facilities be provided by the Ministry of Education to ensure discipline and proper supervision of students for the smooth flow of teaching and learning activities, ensure that there are sufficient resident teachers to handle students and maintain discipline on campus.

6.1.2 Lack of Intelligence Gathering

The Committee realised that the Headmaster and his teaching staff did not have their ears on the ground when it came to the activities of the students.

The Committee advised the Headmaster and his teaching staff to do the needful in obtaining necessary information about student activities to foil plans of students who hatch elaborate schemes to cause trouble or disrupt the usual flow of activities.

6.1.3 Numerous Unapproved Routes to the School

The Committee observed that the school was not adequately fenced, hence it was easy for students to move in and out of campus without proper supervision. The school also lacked enough security personnel who should prevent students from moving in and out of campus at will. The Committee recommends that the school be walled properly and commensurate security personnel be employed to enhance security of students, staff and properties.

6.1.4 Severity of Injuries by Students

The Committee observed that some students had injuries that were so severe and needed further medical attention. The Committee, therefore, requested

for their medical reports for further perusal and referred them to the relevant health institutions for attention.

6.2 Delayed Response of the Department of Urban Roads

The stretch of road mentioned did not have a speed ramp and it was the opinion of the Committee that the Department of Urban Roads did not act swiftly to address the issue upon numerous letters written to the Department of Urban Roads (**Appendix I**) requesting the construction of a speed ramp on the stretch of road covering the frontage of the school.

The Committee observed that the school started requesting for the ramps through letters to the Department of Urban Roads for the past ten (10) years.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that the Ministry of Roads and Highways have a working policy of roads being completed before the construction of speed ramps. The Committee requests the Minister for Roads and Highways to authorise the construction speed ramps to be incorporated into the construction of roads.

The Committee observed that most of the accidents that had occurred involving several students and teachers of the Islamic Senior High School which angered students leading to the demonstration was due to nonadherence of speed limits and the indiscipline displayed by motorists on the road.

The Committee urged the Department of Urban Roads and the Minister responsible for Roads and Highways to take immediate action by providing speed ramps to avert any future demonstrations by the students.

6.3 Assessment of Police Intervention

Considering the situation and the fact that the demonstrators were young students, the Committee noted that the police acted with gratuitous force. It was understandable that they would be enraged especially seeing some of them getting injured. The Committee however believes that, the Police acted excessively, and used ammunition such as live bullets, rubber bullets,

(Appendix II) tear gas and pepper spray which were dangerous and potentially placed the lives of many students at risk.

The Committee recommends that the police be trained regularly to deal with demonstrations which involve relatively younger people such as students.

6.3.1 Initiative to Visit Injured Students

The Committee observed that the Ghana Police Service took the initiative to visit the injured students at the various hospitals. The Committee extended its sympathies and commendation to the Ghana Police Service in general for visiting the injured students.

6.3.2 Severity of Injuries by Police Officers

The Committee recommends that the seven (7) officers who sustained various injuries on their body such as their forehead, legs, and fingers should be provided with the needed medical attention. The Police Physician Assistant Mr Godwin Adu Asante (DSP), indeed confirmed that officers with various lacerations were treated and discharged.

6.3.4 Incoherence in Police Account of the Incident

The Committee perceived incoherence in the account of the Police. The story told by the police did not match the account given by the other parties. The Committee noticed that the officers kept saying that the students were wielding cutlasses, yet no cutlass was retrieved from any student neither was any student apprehended with one.

The Committee believes that the police needed to be factual in their account of the story to assist the Committee to get a clearer picture of the situation.

6.3.5 Professionalism

The Committee requested police officers to exercise restraint in their line of duty as they have a mandate to protect the general public. They were further

admonished to show and maintain a high standard of professionalism in discharging their duty.

6.3.6 Expanding the Scope and Mandate of the Committee

The Committee took note of the fact that the mandate given by Rt Hon Speaker was limited and did not give them the power to conduct a thorough investigation to get to the root of the matter. The Committee recommends to the Rt Hon Speaker to broaden the scope of its mandate so that the full details could be known and to enable officers who acted outside the scope of their authority be brought to book.

6.3.7 Crowd Control with Inappropriate Equipment

The Committee observed that the Police Service lacked adequate crowd control gear at the time of the incident. It is recommended that the Service is adequately resourced to procure appropriate crowd control equipment for the enforcement of the law.

6.3.8 Provision of Temporary Safety Ropes to Control Speed

The Committee commends the Ghana Police Service for the installation of ten (10) safety ropes on the said road in front of the Islamic Senior High School to serve as temporary speed ramps to control the speed of moving vehicles.

8.3.9 Change in Promotional Procedure of the Ghana Police Service

The Committee observed that measures were being put in place to ensure that officers especially those in higher positions do the needful in executing their mandates. The Ghana Police Service informed the Committee of its focus on performance-based promotion instead of a time-based promotion from certain ranks to ensure competitiveness within the service.

The Committee requested that the stance on results-based or competency-based promotion should be made public to all police officers to ensure that they meet the required standards before being promoted. This is expected to promote professionalism within the Police Service.

8.4 Establishments of FPU (Formed Police Unit)

The Committee observed that the Ghana Police Service as part of the retooling of the security forces had requested that FPUs should be established in each region and hotspots within regions to intervene when there are crisis. The Committee observed that Ghana Police Service has challenges due to insufficient numbers of police officers to be attached to the FPUs with the requisite equipment to work with.

The Committee recommends that the Ministry of the Interior ensures that all FPUs budgeted for in the Ministry's 2022 budget are promptly set up.

8.4.1 Inadequate Resources and Logistics for Internal Security Management

The Committee again observed that the Police Service who were mainly responsible for internal security management were inadequately resourced and lacked the needed logistics such as uniforms, weapons and ammunition for public order management. Other requirements such as stopper guns and tear gas canisters were very low in supply throughout the country.

The Committee observed with regret the continuous delay in the release of funds to the security agencies. This is hampering the effective delivery of Security services and must be brought to the attention of the Minister for Finance and Economic Planning.

The Committee therefore directs the Minister of the Interior to expedite action to get the needed funds from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning to enable the police get the required logistics they need to provide effective and efficient service.

8.4.2 Change in Police Training Setup

The Committee observed that there has been a number of changes in the training regime of the Ghana Police Service recruits from an initial three (3) weeks in weapons handling training to an extensive six (6) weeks in weapons handling training with continuous training in how to shoot a weapon. Recruits

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are now being taken through thorough training on the use of side arms and when to use weapons based on the Service instructions.

The Committee recommends that officers who receive such trainings should be held accountable if they fail to adhere to instructions from the Ghana Police Service in the discharge of their duties to the public.

8.4.5 Intelligence Gathering on Student Demonstration

The Committee observed, that Ghana Police Service had always depended on the National Intelligence Bureau (NIB) for intelligence gathering. However, in recent times, the Service had put in place its own Intelligence Gathering System across the country. It was however, challenging to pick up intelligence from isolated cases such as those from high school campuses compared to a larger public space.

The Leadership of the Ghana Police Service in the light of the situation at hand is embarking on a School Policing Drive to gather intelligence. Officers of the Service would patrol campuses of Second Cycle Institutions and Universities with motorcycles and the appointment of liaison officers of the Second Cycle Institutions to share important intelligence with the Police for appropriate interventions where necessary.

8.4.6 Deployment of Live Bullets and Tear Gas (Crowd Control Tools)

The Committee observed that the Police deployed live bullets, plastic bullets and tear gas as tools for crowd control measures during the demonstration by the students from the Islamic Senior High School. (Appendix II).

It was explained that in the case of such crisis when calls for reinforcements are made, the immediate mode of action was to assess occurrences and demonstrate professionalism in dealing with the situation.

The Committee recommends that the Ghana Police Service provides the needed gear to officers to handle juvenile crowd control tools.

8.4.7 Interdiction of Senior Police Officers in the Ashanti Regional Command of the Ghana Police Service

The Committee observed that three (3) senior police officers of the Ashanti Regional Police Command had been interdicted in connection with the police shooting incident involving the police and students of the Islamic Senior High School. The Leadership of the Ghana Police Service explained that the incident was a matter that the leadership of the Ashanti Regional Police Command was expected to handle professionally by showing good leadership in conduct and approach.

The Committee recommends that the Ghana Police Service ensures that officers exude professionalism in delivering service to the public to gain their trust.

8.4.8 Effective Strategic Policy Implementation

The Committee observed that there were policy implementation challenges within the Service. The Committee recommends that the Service should come up with effective and strategic policies that the Committee could support to ensure that there would be a proper transformation of the Ghana Police Service.

8.4.9 Swift Action of Ghana Police Service

The Committee was of the view that the Inspector-General of Police, the Leadership of the Ghana Police Service acted swiftly in the case of the Islamic Senior High School incident to reduce casualties and commends the Police for their swift action and encouraged them to continue to do so.

8.5 Frequent Briefing on Police Operations to the Public

The Committee directs the Ghana Police Service to ensure that adequate security briefing is made to the public, especially on the investigation.

Secondly, the Ghana Police Service must educate the public on the processes and procedures, the dos and don'ts in connection with embarking on demonstrations to prevent such incidents and avoid casualties in the future.

The Committee recommends that the Public Relations Unit/Public Affairs Directorate of the Police Service should collaborate with the National Commission for Civic Education to ensure that public education is done.

8.5.1 Psychosocial /Welfare Support

The Committee observed that Ghana Police Service had a Psychosocial Support Unit that provides psychological support to victims. The Committee was informed that the Service had only five (5) well-trained psychologists actively involved in providing psychological support to Police Officers and the general public. It is however, worth noting that there are plans to enlist more psychologists to support the Psychology Unit of the Ghana Police Service to provide services to affected persons as in the case of the Islamic Senior High School. These psychologists provided psychological support to students of the Islamic Senior High School, at the time of the incident.

9.0 Conclusion

The Committee after a thorough deliberation concludes that the students population in the Islamic Senior High School, Kumasi, is so high that, amenities and existing infrastructure are not to commensurate with student population. With only seven (7) resident teachers managing about three thousand (3,000) boarding students, creates a huge disparity which made it difficult to maintain order on campus.

The Committee hereby recommends that the Ministry of Education provide the school with more basic amenities such as class rooms, big auditorium, dormitories, residential facilities for teachers, well-equipped laboratories among others to address the challenge, the high student population in the school has brought.

The Committee again concludes that the uproar by Students of the Islamic Senior High School was necessitated by lack of appropriate road traffic

infrastructure and speed control for easy crossing by pedestrains and students.

The Committee requests the Ministry of Roads and Highways as a matter of urgency provide pedestrain crossing and speed ramps to ensure safe usage of the road by both motorists and pedestrains.

The Committee again request that the Regional Director of the Department of Urban Roads in the Ashanti Region should be sanctioned for failing to provide pedestrian crossing and speed ramps on that stretch of the road, although several letters had been written to his oufit in that regard.


The Committee furthermore, conclude that the Ghana Police Service lacks the appropriate logistics to enable the Service respond promptly to challenges of crowd control, and the ability of the Service to avoid conflict of interest on its part in conducting fair investigations.


The Committee therefore recommends that Parliament should sets up a by-partisan Committee to further investigate the matter to the latter.

The Minster of Finance and Economic Planning is also requested to release the approved budget to the Ministry of the Interior for the procurement of necessary tools and logistics for effective law enforcement.

The Committee having satisfied itself recommends that, the House adopts the Committee's report.

Respectfully submitted


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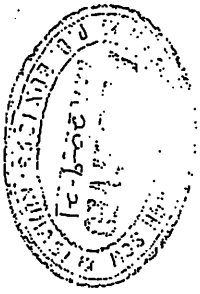
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RE: REQUEST FOR SPEED BUMPS



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The Director
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Ashanti, Kumasi

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The Member of Parliament,
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Dear Honourable Member of Parliament,

REQUEST FOR SPEED RAM

I write to place the above request in order to save our numerous visitors, teachers, as well as over two thousand Day students who enter the school via our main gate on the road off Bantama high street to Abrepo in the Kumasi Metropolis from preventable road accidents.

A number of road accidents had occurred on the stretch of the high way closest to the school's main gate/entrance where all these people use as an entrance to the school.

Honourable Member of Parliament, speed ram when constructed could save guard the school from accidents emanating from over speeding and careless driving.

We hope our concern would be given favourable consideration with deserved attention.

Thank you very much.

Suleiman Zachariah Yeboah
SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEMOAH
HEADMASTER

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

I forward to you a request for speed bump by the Headmaster of the Islamic Senior High School. I would be very grateful if this request is given the needed attention, as it will help to reduce the recent spate of accidents in the area, which has claimed lives and injured many road users.

Thank you and I count on your cooperation.

Yours-In-the-Service of Ghana.

Sincerely,

Francis Astenso-Boakye, MP

CC: The Chief Executive Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly
Kumasi

The Assemblyman
Ohyen Ampabame Electoral Area
Bantama, Kumasi

The Headmaster
Islamic High School
mpabame, Kumasi

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ISSEC/KMA/VOL.1/29

August 25, 2021

The Director
Urban Roads
Ashanti
Kumasi

THRO

The Administrator
Bantama Sub Metro
Kumasi

Dear Sir,

REQUEST FOR SPEED RAM

I write to place the above request in order to save our numerous visitors, teachers, as well as over two thousand Day students who enter the school via our main gate on the road off Bantama high street to Abrepo in the Kumasi Metropolis from preventable road accidents.

A number of road accidents had occurred on the stretch of the high way closest to the school's main gate/entrance where all these people use as an entrance to the school.

Sir, the speed ram when constructed could save guard the school from accidents emanating from over speeding and careless driving.

We hope our concern would be given favourable consideration with deserved attention.

Thank you very much.

SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEBOAH
HEADMASTER

ISSEC/KMA/VOL.1/30

August 25, 2021

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The Member of Parliament
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P. O. BOX 1393
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20th February, 2017

ISSEC/UR/VOL.1/6

The Metro Director
Urban Roads
Kumasi.

Dear Sir,

REMINDER

URGENT REQUEST FOR SPEED RAMPS

I write to remind you of a letter dated 25th January, 2012 with reference number ISSEC/UR/VOL.1/15 sent to your office requesting for speed ramps in front of the school.

Sir, till date we have not heard or seen any action being taken on this request. On the subject matter, Students, Staff and other pedestrians can no longer cross the road to either side due to over speeding on the road.

Over speeding at its peak point is knocking down some of our Students and Staff by vehicles. On the 15th January 2013 a motor vehicle knocked down a Staff named Seidu Banda and also on the 18th of January, 2013, a motor vehicle knocked down a student named Ajara Moro. This is creating fear and panic when walking or stand by to cross the road, because of this the school will have no other option than to erect our own if this is not done within the shortest possible time.

I hope that this reminder will be attended to with all the urgency it deserves.

I count on your usual co-operation.

Attached are the various letters sent to your office.

Thank You.

Yours faithfully,

HEADMASTER
ISLAMIC SENIOR HIGH SCH.
P. O. BOX 1393
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SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEBOAH
(HEADMASTER)

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28th November, 2018

ISSEC/REO/VOL.1/24

THE DIRECTOR
URBAN ROADS
KUMASI.

Dear Sir,

RE: REMAINDER

URGENT REQUEST FOR SPEED RAMPS

I write to remind you of the letters dated 25th January, 2012 and 20th January, 2017 with reference numbers ISSEC/REO/VOL.1/5 and ISSEC/REO/VOL. 1/23 sent to your office requesting for speed ramps in front of the school.

This reminder has become very necessary in view of the fact that the traffic situation in front of the school gate is not only very alarming but also very threatening.

Already over speeding had caused the death of some of our students and a staff member, who were knocked down by over speeding vehicles as indicated in our earlier reminder.

We are therefore entreating you to treat this reminder letter with all the urgency it deserves.

We are counting very much on your co-operation.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,


SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEBOAH
HEADMASTER

ISSEC/UR/VOL. 1/4

10/11/2011

January 25, 2012

THE METRO DIRECTOR,
URBAN ROADS
KUMASI

Dear Sir,

RE: URGENT REQUEST FOR SPEED RAMPS

I write to remind you of the reminder dated 05/05/11 with the reference number ISSEC/UR/VOL.1/3 sent to your office requesting for speed ramps in front of the school.

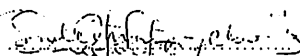
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Over speeding is at its peak point creating fear and panic when walking or standing by to cross the road.

I hope that this reminder will be attended to with all the urgency it deserves.

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Yours faithfully,


SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEBOAH (MR.)
(AG. HEADMASTER)

ISSEC/UR/VOL. 1/5

THE METRO DIRECTOR
URBAN ROADS
KUMASI

Dear Sir,

REMINDER

I write to remind you of the letter dated 10th November 2011 with the reference number ISSEC/UR/VOL. 1/4 sent to your office requesting for speed ramps in front of the school.

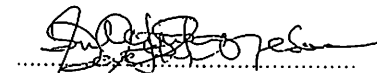
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Over speeding at its peak point is the knocking down some of our students and staff by vehicles, on the 15th of January 2013 a motor vehicle knocked down a staff of the school named Seidu Banda who is yet to resume work and also on the 18th of January 2013 a motor bicycle knocked down a student named Ajara Moro. This is creating fear and panic when walking or standing by to cross the road, because of this the school will have any other option than to erect our own if this is not done within the shortest possible time.

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HEADMASTER

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The Regional Director
Department of Road and Highways Authority
Ashanti
Sir/Madam,

URGENT REQUEST FOR SPEED RAMPS

I humbly write to notify you that this is the third time the school have applied to you to mount speed ramps on the main Bohyen high ways just in front of the school's gate.

The presence of the speed ramps would have helped prevent a lot of fatal accidents; some involving our students and staff. The accident that led to the death of a motor cyclist on the 12th of November 2010 just in front of the school gate which affected the school's mason and the deceased for instance could have been easily avoided if there were speed ramps.

Please Sir; if you do us the honour, it would help prevent drivers, from over speeding on the Bohyen Highways, particularly, from Abrepo- junction to 150 meters beyond the school. This has affected the smooth crossing of the road by students, staff and other pedestrians.

The ultimate solution to our precarious problems solely lies in your hands so come to our aid because I do not want a student or staff to die on the road before I act. Attached is the copy of the previous letter sent to you.

I hope this letter will meet the urgency it deserves with your kind consideration.

I count on your usual cooperation.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Suleiman Zachariah Yeboah
SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEBOAH
(HEADMASTER, ACTING)

CC:
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METROPOLITAN COORDINATING DIRECTOR – KUMASI
REGIONAL ENGINEER – ASHANTI
REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION – ASHANTI
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – BANTAMA
HON. ASSEMBLE MAN – BOHYEN
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DATE: 17-11-10

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THE METRO DIRECTOR
URBAN ROADS
KUMASI.

Dear Sir/Madam,

URGENT REQUEST FOR SPEED RAMPS

I humbly write to appeal your outfit to mount speed ramps on the main Bohyen high ways just in front of the school's gate. This is the third letter to the Department of Highways, however, I have been directed to redirect this letter to you.

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ISSEC/UR/VOL 1/3

05/05/2011

THE METRO DIRECTOR,
URBAN ROADS
KUMASI

Dear Sir

RE: URGENT REQUEST FOR SPEED RAMPS

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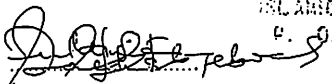
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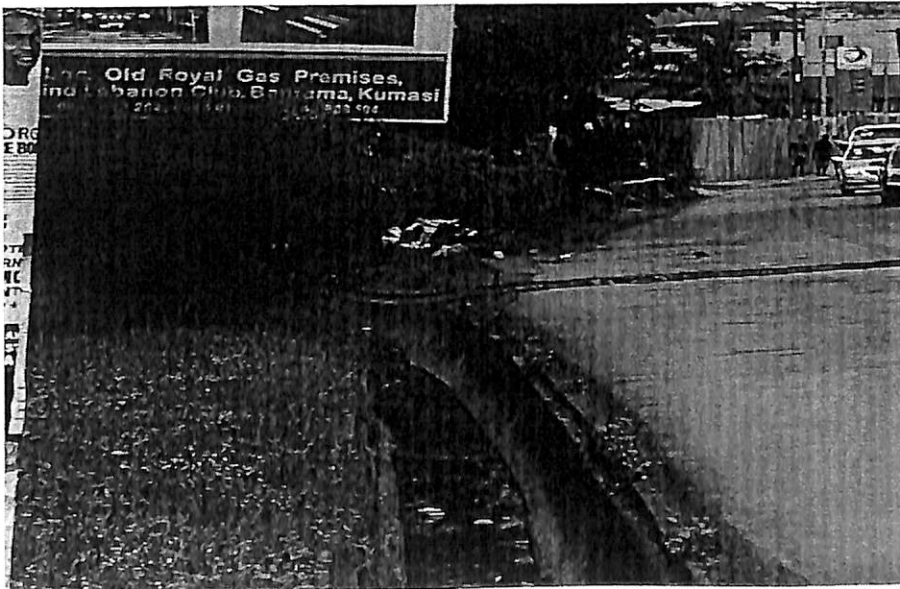

SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEBOAH
(AG HEADMASTER)

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SULEIMAN ZACHARIAH YEBOAH
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THE COMMITTEE VISITING SCENE



Committee visiting scene at the school frontage



Ropes provided by the police to serve as temporal speed ramp

APPENDIX 2

PICTURE OF PLASTIC AND LIVE BULLETS COLLECTED AFTER THE INCIDENT BY THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES OF THE ISLAMIC SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

