

# GHANA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION



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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT- GPAA

### PRESS RELEASE

#### OPERATION FREE MR SIMON TAKRAMA NOW

#### SCALING UP OF ACTIVITIES NATIONWIDE IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR INCARCERATED COLLEAGUE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SIMON TAKRAMA

Sequel to the earlier press release on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 on the Benzathine Penicillin deaths saga which led to the incarceration of Mr. Simon Takrama, a Physician Assistant who was not directly involved in the injection of the Benzathine Penicillin, the Leadership of the Ghana Physician Assistant Association wishes to bring it to the attention of the general public about its decision to extend the wearing of red bands and sit down strike from the Eastern Region to all other Regions nationwide effective Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Leadership is however, appreciative of the efforts being made by the Director General of Ghana Health Service and its Lawyer to expedite the release of Mr. Simon Takrama from Akuse Prison where he is currently on remand.

That notwithstanding, the Leadership wishes to inform its members and the entire general public that the wearing of Red Bands and Sit Down Strike have been scaled up nationwide while awaiting the bail application hearing scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at Koforidua High Court in the Eastern Region.

In furtherance, all Physician Assistants including Interns are by this release entreated to strictly adhere to the instructions stated above, across all Health Centres, Polyclinics, District/Municipal and Regional Hospitals nationwide.

The Association is resolute and relentless in its efforts to ensure the immediate release of the Physician Assistant, Mr. Simon Takrama.

Meanwhile, we call on all investigative apparatuses of the Government of Ghana to make sure that those who have aided the retired Field Technician, Mr. James Yeboah to be carrying out all these activities in a public health facility for all these past six (6) years at New Senchi Health Centre in the Asuogyaman District are brought to justice.

Thank you.

**#FREE SIMON TAKRAMA NOW#**

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