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PRESS RELEASE BY THE NORTHERN REGIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE ROAD-MAP ANNOUNCED BY THE COMMITTEE OF EMINENT CHIEFS

In the wake of the announcement of the road map by the Otumfuo led Committee of Eminent Chiefs on the Dagbon Chieftaincy Affairs, the Regional Security Council has taken a number of measures and actions to ensure the smooth implementation of the Road Map.

2. The Regional Security Council (REGSEC) in that direction, has had a very fruitful engagement with Ulemas and Imams in the region, on their role in preaching and fostering peace before, during and after the events.
3. REGSEC has also held discussions with representatives of Media Houses in the region, as major stakeholders, to seek their cooperation and support in the implementation of the Road Map. The engagement was very cordial with a pledge for cooperation of the Media in maintaining the existing peace before, during and after the funeral performances. Furthermore the need to exercise extreme circumspection and discretion on the part of the media at this crucial time, was also agreed at the engagement.
4. REGSEC has also held similar engagements with other stakeholders and the general public in the bid to seek their involvement and participation in promoting peace at this critical time.

5. REGSEC wishes to call on all parties involved in the Road Map (Andanis and Abudus), as well as the general public to see the announcement of the dates for the performance of the funerals and the subsequent enskinment of a New Ya Naa, as a unique opportunity to restore lasting peace to Dagbon and for Dagbon to resume its rightful place as the Bastion of Tradition and Culture, once again.

6. We appeal for restraint, caution and circumspection in utterances and actions at this crucial time. All and sundry, must act in a manner to ensure that we keep the existing peace and improve upon it for Dagbon to restore its pride. REGSEC calls on every one to resolve to ensure that there is peace for these events to pass off smoothly.

7. Indeed the restoration of absolute peace in Dagbon is the clarion call to all, for no meaningful development can take place without peace.

8. At the same time, REGSEC wishes to send a strong warning to any individuals or group of individuals, who may be contemplating fomenting any trouble to derail the road map, that it will not be tolerated.

9. We want to indicate strongly that the Security Agencies are very much alert and prepared to deal decisively with any individual or group that will attempt to create confusion over the implementation of the Road map. Any such person or group will be brought to book if they engage in any acts that will undermine the peace.

10. The Northern region cherishes peace and our people desire peace to pave the way for them to improve their general living conditions and development. The region has suffered enough in terms of its peace and security and its repercussion on development.

11. There will be no way for any person or group to roll back the progress being made on the road map and therefore we must all cooperate for the successful march to peace.

12. There will definitely, be a zero tolerance for any actions or utterances that will seek to forment trouble in Dagbon at this critical time.

13. We call for peace to be given a chance for that is what Dagbon needs now.

14. Finally REGSEC urges all and sundry to be alert during this period and to report any suspicious movements on actions to the Security Agencies, so that nobody gets the chance to disturb the peace.

15. We assure all peace loving people to feel secured and go about their normal duties without fear.

16. Thank you.



**HON. SALIFU SA-EED
(REGIONAL MINISTER)**

**ALL MEDIA HOUSES,
TAMALE.**