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ENHANCED SECURITY FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS: PUBLIC GATHERING BAN STILL IN FORCE.

1. The Christendom will celebrate Easter festivities from Friday 2nd April 2021 to Monday 5th April, 2021 across the world. In Ghana, this will be characterized by religious activities and amusement events. The Police Service per its mandate, will provide enhanced security during the period. It therefore appeals to the general public to abide by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) restrictions imposed by the President, with legal backing of the Parliament of Ghana, as the Police will strictly enforce same.
2. **Religious activities.** Churches, Mosques and religious bodies are expected to hold services not beyond two hours for 100 participants maximum only, observing all other COVID-19 protocols. Conventions, crusades, pilgrimages and such large physical gatherings are not allowed.
3. **Carnivals, festivals, beach and amusement events.** The hosting of any carnival, festival, beach gathering, street dances, procession, parades and such events will be illegal. Night clubs are banned from opening as well as cinemas and movie houses. All activities of “closed room” bar or pub including those in hotels remain illegal. However, open air drinking spots may operate provided that they observe all other COVID-19 protocols.
4. **Tourist sites and attractions.** Operators of tourist sites and attractions may open to the public, provided they ensure the wearing of face masks, social distancing and enhanced hygiene by all patrons.
5. **Funerals.** Families may like to take advantage of the holiday period to bury loved ones. The public is reminded that it is illegal to hold funerals. Private burials may be held with a maximum of twenty-five people if held outside the church or religious facility. For church or religious burial services, the maximum number of participants should be hundred. In all cases, the COVID-19 protocols are expected to be observed and the duration shall be two hours maximum.
6. **Road safety.** Together with road safety partners, Police Officers would be present at mapped out traffic congestion and accident prone areas. People who drive

beyond speed limit, overload, drink and drive and indulge in such other traffic irregularities shall be arrested.

7. **Medical services at the Police Hospital.** Certain facilities at the Police Hospital would be closed within the period, to make way for fumigation by the Ghana Health Service. The Police Administration therefore appeals to other health facilities in the Greater Accra region to accept health issues or emergencies which would have otherwise been sent to the Police Hospital by Police Officers or patriotic citizens.

8. **Monitoring, Complaints or Reports.** Plain clothes and uniformed officers will be deployed to monitor compliance and take the necessary actions. However, the Police Administration encourages the public to continue to be vigilant and report all criminal activities to the nearest Police Station. In cases of emergency crime situations, the telephone numbers to contact are 0550323323 or 0275000156 and Toll Free numbers 18555, 191 or 112.

9. While appealing to the public for cooperation to ensure a peaceful Easter holiday season, the Police Administration wishes all Ghanaians a happy Easter season.



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