



8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**POLICE INTIMIDATION, DEMO POSTPONED!**

1. The leadership of the Coalition of Concerned University Students has noted with grave concern and despair, the deliberate attempt by Government, through the Ghana Police Service, to frustrate its intended demonstration in the most unwelcoming manner. We are equally expressing our revulsion at the Greater Accra Regional Police Command for renegeing on the agreed modalities for the demonstration and resorting to intimidation.
2. At a midnight meeting in the premises of the University of Ghana campus at about 11:00pm on 7th February, 2022, with the national and regional leadership of the Ghana Police Service, it was disclosed to leadership that the approved routes for the demonstration, after thorough deliberations by the command, may have to be changed on grounds that the public stands to be inconvenienced by the use of the road leading from Okponglo to the Jubilee House. Moreover, it is regarded as a National security threat to the nation.
3. This sudden directive, comes after an earlier police approval of the same route on the 7th of February 2022 at the Greater Accra Regional Police Command. It further indicated that, refusal to comply with the directive, will compel the Police to arrest all demonstrators and conveners who will make appearance.
4. The Coalition considers this as an attempt to prevent students from demonstrating and holding Government's feet to the fire. The presence of esteemed Officers of the Ghana Police Service on campus to serve this notice shows the level of desperation and vile agenda to frustrate the demonstration.
5. **While we intend to press home our concerns for immediate consideration, we do not want to fall without the context of the law, neither is it our wish to breach any public order. Changing the converging point and routes for the demonstration on such short notice will undermine the mobilization efforts of the Coalition. Consequently, the demonstration is postponed to Thursday, 10th February, 2022.**

- 6. We shall, on Thursday, join various CSOs, youth groups, and the National Democratic Congress in its demonstration to register our disquiet.**
  
- 7. Our resolve to fight for the ordinary Ghanaian student is unquenchable, and we will, through all means necessary, fight for that common interest.**
  
- 8. We reassure all members of the Coalition and the entire Student populace of our commitment and undying dedication to advocate on their behalf.**

Ends.

**SIGNED**

**ALL CONVENERS & LEADERS OF CoCUS**

**Cc:  
ALL MEDIA HOUSES  
ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN GHANA  
GENERAL PUBLIC**

