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Press Release

The GaDangme Council has learnt with shock and dismay the attack on the elders of the Nii Odoi Kwao Family of Osu who are the allodial owners of Niiman (corrupted as Nima) lands.

The video footages showed some youth of Nima attack and assault elders of the Nii Odoi Kwao Family who had gone to Nima, as part of the Homowo celebrations to sprinkle the traditional Kpekple within their ancestral area and on land which is undoubtedly owned by the said Family.

The Youth concerned were reportedly mobilized by a rival stranger Mantse installed by some settlers without the knowledge and consent of the landowners and in competition to another Mantse which had led to pent up feelings and heightened tensions within the community.

The youth became incensed during the ceremony, threatened the Elders, and warned the Landlords never to step foot on Nima anymore. In their anger, they scattered the traditional food on the ground thereby showing great disrespect and contempt to the landowners.

The GaDangme Council views the incident as unacceptable and disrespectful of the GaDangme culture, usages, and practices and sacrilegious of all that Homowo stands for.

It also shows evidence of intolerance and amounts to acts tending to cause a breach of the peace which acts do not engender peaceful co-existence and cooperation and likely to escalate into a tribal conflict between the people of Osu and the stranger settlers.

The GaDangme Council has over the years warned against insolence and disrespect for our culture, language and traditions including looting of GaDangme lands compulsorily acquired in the public interest, but which end up in the hands of private individuals without any attempt at payment of compensation.


We unreservedly condemn the incident and warns against any repetition. We further demand an unqualified apology from those behind and involved in what happened. We note that such acts of challenges to allodial owners of land by strangers can lead to forfeiture of their right to remain on the land.

We finally also throw our weight fully behind the statement issued by the Ga Traditional Council and call upon the security agencies to act decisively to bring the perpetrators of the dastardly act to book.

Long live GaDangmes!!



Hon. Ayikoi Otoo
President



Hon. Dr. Emmanuel Lamptey
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