



National Communications Authority

Press Release

NCA SHUTS DOWN FOUR (4) FM RADIO STATIONS IN BAWKU ON GROUNDS OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Accra, 24th February, 2024: The National Communications Authority (NCA) wishes to inform the general public that four (4) FM Radio Stations in Bawku, Upper East Region, have been shut down today.

The stations are:

- 1. Bawku FM**
- 2. Source FM**
- 3. Zahra FM and**
- 4. Gumah FM**

This follows the recommendations of the Upper East Regional Security Council, and on the advice of the Ministry of National Security that the operations of the said FM Stations and the incendiary utterances of their panellists/presenters have contributed to the escalation of the Bawku conflict, leading to loss of lives and property in Bawku and its environs.

Consequently, the NCA has invoked its powers to shut down the stations in accordance with Section 13(1)(e) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2008 (Act 775) which provides that: “the Authority may suspend or revoke a licence or a frequency authorisation where; the suspension or revocation is necessary because of **national security** or is in the **public interest**”.

The NCA will continue to work with all relevant stakeholders to execute its mandate as set out by law and calls on stakeholders to adhere to the tenets and regulations governing the communications industry.

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About NCA

The National Communications Authority, (NCA), was established by an Act of Parliament, Act 524 in December 1996, which has been repealed and replaced by the National Communications Authority Act, 2008 (Act 769). The Authority is the statutory body mandated to license and to regulate electronic communication activities and services in the country.