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### STATEMENT BY THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

***On the Passing of Dr. Edward Omame Boamah, Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed, Alhaji Muniru Mohammed, Dr. Samuel Sarpong, Mr. Samuel Aboagye, Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, Flying Officer Twum Ampadu, and Sergeant Ernest Addo***

It is with deep sorrow and profound Christian solidarity that we, the members of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference, received the tragic news of the military helicopter crash at Asikaman near Akrofuom, which claimed the lives of eight distinguished Ghanaians: Dr. Edward Omame Boamah, Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed, Alhaji Muniru Mohammed, Dr. Samuel Sarpong, Mr. Samuel Aboagye, Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, Flying Officer Twum Ampadu, and Sergeant Ernest Addo.

The heartbreaking news reached us today during our August Plenary Assembly at the National Catholic Secretariat in Accra, casting a long shadow over our deliberations and stirring us to communal prayer and reflection.

These were men of proven dedication - public servants, politicians, technocrats and gallant officers of the Ghana Armed Forces - who gave of themselves in service to the Republic, to its institutions, and to the people of this land. Their sudden and untimely departure is not only a blow to their families and loved ones but a grave loss to the nation.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to their grieving families, to the various institutions and communities they so faithfully served, and to all citizens of Ghana who mourn this national tragedy. In moments such as this, we are reminded of the fragile and fleeting nature of human life, and the enduring value of service rooted in integrity, sacrifice and the common good.

We commend the departed souls to the mercy of the Eternal Father, praying that He who is the Resurrection and the Life may grant them peace, and console all who bear the weight of their absence. May our beloved country, in this hour of collective grief, find unity, strength and hope.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen

**MOST REV. MATTHEW KWASI GYAMFI**  
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**GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE**  
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