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NATIONAL CHIEF IMAM & MUFTI OF REP. OF GHANA



**STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL CHIEF IMAM ON THE SHOOTING
INCIDENT IN HO CENTRAL MOSQUE**

On behalf of the Muslim Community in Ghana, His Eminence the National Chief Imam, Shaikh Dr Osman Nuhu Sharubutu, expresses disgust at the shooting of Muslims by Muslims in the Central Mosque of Ho last Friday, December 26, 2025.

His Eminence condemns the incident and describes it as an affront to Islamic sanctity, a threat to national security, a deviation from basic civility, and a tribute to outright impunity.

In the words of the Grand Imam, the gun violence is traceable to the contest for the Volta regional Imamship between Shaikh Ali Muniru and Shaikh Anas. He, however, reiterates that Shaikh Muniru is the legitimate Volta regional Imam, and Shaikh Anas (is) the Deputy Imam.

His Eminence explains that the selection of Shaikh Muniru has NOT been an imposition, but a product of consultation and mediation. He, therefore, does not understand why a resolved matter continues to be a source of violence.

His Eminence describes both leaders as his children from whom he expects solidarity and cordiality in service to Allah and humanity.

He urges the followers of both leaders to be law-abiding and peace-loving in line with the norms of Islam.

His Eminence also appeals to the police to exhibit impartiality in handling the issue. "Indeed, selective justice is tantamount to injustice", he emphasizes.

In conclusion, His Eminence prays for a speedy healing of the injured and reminds the factions about the following words of Allah:

- "The believers are brothers. So, make reconciliation between your brothers. And fear Allah, so that you may receive mercy." (Quran 49: 10)

"May Allah reconcile the Ummah and bless our Homeland Ghana. Ameen."

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