

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2026

**THE DAILY DEMOCRAT**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**DEMAND TO RETRACT PUBLICATION AND APOLOGISE: MARITIME AUTHORITY DEPUTY DIRECTOR ACCUSED OF USING LAND GUARDS IN SPINTEX LAND DISPUTE**

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We act as Solicitors for Mr. Mubarick Masawudu, the Deputy Director General of the Ghana Maritime Authority (hereinafter called "our Client"), and write on his instructions to demand the immediate withdrawal and retraction of the publication made by *The Daily Democrat* (hereinafter referred to as "you") concerning our Client.

Our Client's attention has been drawn to the front page of your newspaper, dated Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026, captioned "**Maritime Authority Deputy Director Accused Of Using Land Guards In Spintex Land Dispute.**"

In the said publication, you stated that our Client had been accused of using land guards in a Spintex land dispute. The publication falsely associates our Client with violent and unlawful conduct and creates the impression that he was involved in the use of land guards in connection with a land dispute with which he is not involved whatsoever.

Your publication has exposed our Client to public opprobrium, ridicule and hostility and has placed his hard-earned integrity, standing and reputation at risk in the eyes of the public.

It is a fundamental requirement of established journalistic standards that, before publication, you undertake the necessary enquiries, appropriately verify all allegations, crosscheck and confirm facts and accuracy of a story before publication. Needless to say that your failure to do so in this instance constitutes a serious departure from these sacred standards and has caused substantial prejudice to our Client.

For the avoidance of doubt, our Client emphatically states that he is **not a party to, nor in any way connected with, the land dispute referred to in your publication or with any of the persons involved therein**. He further states that he has not, whether directly or indirectly, instructed, engaged, facilitated, funded or otherwise participated in any land guard activities relating to the said dispute.

**OUR CORE AREAS:**

Corporate Advisory | Administration and Restructuring | Commercial Transactions  
Intellectual Property | General Litigation | Alternative Dispute Resolution | Debt Recovery  
Real Estate and Construction | Family and Matrimonial

Our Client is a well-respected Ghanaian and a Senior Public Officer who would not interfere with court proceedings or involve himself in a dispute in which he has no interest or participation. In the circumstances, there was no factual basis for associating him with the alleged use of land guards when the publication refers to pending civil suit between the parties.

In the circumstances, we have our Client's firm instructions to demand, and we hereby demand, that within **seven (7) days** of your receipt of this letter, you:

1. **Publish a clear, unequivocal and unconditional retraction** of the publication captioned "**Maritime Authority Deputy Director Accused Of Using Land Guards In Spintex Land Dispute,**" insofar as it identifies, refers to or suggests that our Client was involved in, instructed, engaged, facilitated, financed or otherwise had any connection with the alleged use of land guards;
2. Publish the retraction **with the same prominence as the offending publication**, including on the front page of the next available edition of your newspaper and with equivalent prominence on any digital or online platform on which the offending publication was published;
3. **Remove and withdraw** the offending publication from your digital and online platforms and cease any further publication or circulation of the same, insofar as it identifies or refers to our Client; and
4. Publish an **unqualified apology to our Client**, with equal prominence, expressly acknowledging that the publication wrongly associated him with the alleged use of land guards and clarifying that he has no involvement or connection with the land dispute or the alleged land guard activities referred to in the publication.

For the avoidance of doubt, the retraction and apology must be sufficiently clear and prominent to correct the false impression created by the original publication and must not be accompanied by any qualification, justification, repetition or restatement of the allegations against our Client.

Should you fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the above demands within the stipulated period, we have our Client's firm instructions to pursue **all appropriate legal remedies available to him without further notice**, including proceedings for the protection of his reputation and such other reliefs as may be available to him in law.

~~This notice does not constitute a full statement of the facts or our Client's case and this shall not constitute a limitation, waiver or prejudice of any of our Client's legal rights, remedies or causes of action, all of which are expressly reserved.~~

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on +233 549 476 767 or +233 577 553 235 or [limann.mohammed@limolaw.org](mailto:limann.mohammed@limolaw.org) should you require any further information and/or clarification.

Be accordingly advised.

Yours faithfully,



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