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**PRESS STATEMENT BY THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GNAT EXECUTIVES
ON THE DEATH OF MR. ABU SEIDU, TEACHER OF GINDABOUR D/A
PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND THE SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS AT
GINDABOUR**

24th September 2026

The Northern Regional Executives of the Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT) express our profound grief, outrage and deep concern over the death of Mr. Abu Seidu, a professional teacher of Gindabour D/A Primary School in the Sawla-Tuna-Kalba District of the Savannah Region, on Wednesday, 16th September 2026, in circumstances involving personnel of the Ghana Police Service.

Mr. Abu Seidu was not merely a teacher. He was a professional educator, a public servant, a colleague, a community member and a citizen whose life was entitled to the full protection of the laws of Ghana.

His death, reportedly between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th September 2026, has left his family, colleagues, pupils and the entire teaching fraternity devastated.

GNAT IS DEEPLY DISTURBED

Information available to the Union indicates that Mr. Abu Seidu was returning from his farm when he encountered personnel of the Ghana Police Service who allegedly attempted to stop him.

The precise circumstances leading to his death remain disputed.

The Ghana Police Service has publicly presented an account that Mr. Seidu diverted from the road after seeing a police patrol team and was subsequently found unconscious before dying while being conveyed to hospital. Other accounts from residents and community representatives have raised serious questions about what transpired between the encounter with the police and Mr. Seidu's death. The bodies of both Mr. Seidu and the deceased police officer were subsequently taken for preservation and autopsy.

This is precisely why GNAT demands an independent investigation.

The Police Service cannot be allowed to be the sole investigator of an incident in which its own personnel are alleged to have been directly involved.

Where a citizen dies following an encounter with law-enforcement officers, the circumstances of that death must be subjected to an investigation that is independent, impartial, transparent and credible enough to command public confidence.

A TEACHER'S LIFE MATTERS

GNAT finds it unacceptable that a teacher could lose his life in such circumstances without the immediate and unequivocal institutional response that members of the teaching profession deserve.

Teachers are public servants who routinely travel to remote communities, farms, schools and difficult locations in the discharge of their duties.

They deserve protection—not fear.

They deserve respect—not intimidation.

They deserve due process—not arbitrary treatment.

The life of a teacher must never be treated as collateral damage in the exercise of law-enforcement duties.

If an investigation establishes that Mr. Abu Seidu's fundamental rights were violated or that unlawful force was used against him, the persons responsible must face the full consequences of the law.

GNAT CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF THE POLICE OFFICER

For the avoidance of doubt, GNAT also unequivocally condemns the subsequent killing of General Constable Redeemer Kofi Owusu.

The Union does not condone mob justice, vigilantism or the unlawful killing of any person.

The death of Mr. Abu Seidu cannot justify the killing of a police officer, just as the death of a police officer cannot justify unlawful reprisals against innocent civilians.

Every human life has equal value before the law.

We therefore call for a comprehensive investigation into both deaths.

Justice for Abu Seidu must not be pursued at the expense of justice for Redeemer Owusu, and justice for Redeemer Owusu must not be pursued at the expense of justice for Abu Seidu.

WE ARE EQUALLY ALARMED BY REPORTS OF RETALIATORY ACTIONS

GNAT is particularly disturbed by reports that, following the death of the police officer, security personnel deployed to Gindabour allegedly embarked upon actions resulting in the destruction and vandalism of homes, shops, vehicles and other private properties.

Community groups have publicly alleged that properties belonging to innocent residents and traditional authorities were affected and have called for an independent investigation and compensation.

If these allegations are established to be true, GNAT will regard such conduct as wholly unacceptable and fundamentally inconsistent with the principles of professional policing and constitutional governance.

The responsibility of the State is to restore order—not to punish an entire community.

Collective punishment has no place in a constitutional democracy.

The alleged criminal conduct of some individuals cannot confer a licence on security personnel to intimidate, assault, vandalise or destroy the property of innocent citizens.

We therefore demand that any allegation of unlawful conduct by security personnel be investigated with the same seriousness with which the police are investigating the death of their colleague.

GHANA EDUCATION SERVICE MUST SPEAK

The Northern Regional GNAT Executives are particularly disappointed by the apparent absence, as of the date of this statement, of a formal public statement from the Ghana Education Service (GES) condemning the death of Mr. Abu Seidu and expressing solidarity with his bereaved family and colleagues.

Mr. Abu Seidu was a teacher employed by the Ghana Education Service.

When a teacher dies in circumstances that have generated national concern and competing accounts, the employer cannot afford to remain silent.

Silence in the face of the death of a member of the teaching profession is deeply troubling.

We therefore call upon the Ghana Education Service to immediately:

formally acknowledge the death of Mr. Abu Seidu;

express condolences to his family and colleagues;

publicly condemn any unlawful conduct established to have contributed to his death;

cooperate fully with an independent investigation; and
provide appropriate institutional support to the bereaved family.

OUR DEMANDS

The Northern Regional GNAT Executives hereby make the following demands:

1. INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

We demand an independent, impartial and transparent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Abu Seidu.

The investigation must establish exactly what happened from the moment he encountered the police until his death.

2. AUTOPSY FINDINGS

The findings of the autopsy conducted on Mr. Abu Seidu should form part of the evidence considered by the investigating body, and the outcome should be communicated transparently to his family and the public, subject to applicable legal requirements.

3. INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF THE POLICE OFFICER

We equally demand a thorough investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of General Constable Redeemer Kofi Owusu and urge the authorities to ensure that all persons found culpable are prosecuted in accordance with the law.

Police have already arrested suspects in connection with the officer's death, and court proceedings are underway.

4. INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED ABUSES

We demand an independent inquiry into allegations of vandalism, destruction of property, assault, intimidation and other abuses allegedly committed during subsequent security operations in Gindabour.

5. PROTECTION OF INNOCENT CITIZENS

The security agencies must ensure that residents of Gindabour who have committed no offence are protected from intimidation, harassment and collective punishment.

6. GES MUST RESPOND

The Ghana Education Service must issue an official statement on the death of its employee and demonstrate that the welfare and safety of teachers are matters of institutional priority.

7. COMPENSATION WHERE LIABILITY IS ESTABLISHED

Where investigations establish that innocent persons suffered unlawful destruction of property or other losses as a result of the actions of State personnel, appropriate compensation and redress must follow.

8. PROTECTION OF TEACHERS

Government and the relevant security agencies must take concrete steps to ensure that teachers serving in remote communities can travel to and from their schools, farms and homes without fear of unlawful treatment.

A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

To the entire GNAT membership, particularly teachers in the Savannah Region, the Northern Region and other remote communities:

The Union sees you. The Union hears you. The Union stands with you.

The death of Mr. Abu Seidu has touched the conscience of the teaching profession.

The Northern Regional GNAT Executives assure the rank and file that GNAT will not abandon any teacher who suffers injustice in the course of serving the people of Ghana.

We shall use all legitimate institutional, administrative and legal avenues available to the Union to pursue the truth and accountability in this matter.

At the same time, we urge all teachers and members of the public to remain calm and refrain from acts of retaliation, vigilantism or violence.

Let the law work. Let the facts speak. Let justice prevail.

A WORD TO THE GHANA POLICE SERVICE

The Ghana Police Service exists to protect life and property and to maintain law and order.

GNAT therefore expects the Police Service to demonstrate, in this matter, the highest standards of professionalism, restraint, transparency and accountability.

The Police Service must understand that public confidence in policing cannot be sustained where allegations involving police personnel are investigated without sufficient independence and transparency.

We are calling on the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to as a matter of urgency interdict all Police officers on duty when the incident occurred to allow the instigation to take place.

We call upon the Police Administration to cooperate fully with an independent investigation and to ensure that no police officer who may be found culpable is shielded because of his or her uniform or position.

The uniform is not a shield against accountability.

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA

We call upon the Government, particularly the Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education, Ghana Education Service, National Peace Council and relevant regional authorities, to intervene decisively.

The State must demonstrate that the protection of citizens is not selective.

A teacher and a police officer are both public servants.

Both lives matter.

Both families deserve justice.

And every innocent citizen deserves protection.

OUR FINAL POSITION

The events at Gindabour must not be allowed to degenerate into a cycle of killing, revenge and reprisal.

The death of Mr. Abu Seidu demands answers.

The death of General Constable Redeemer Kofi Owusu demands justice.

The reported destruction of innocent people's property demands investigation.

And the silence of the Ghana Education Service demands explanation.

GNAT therefore calls for truth without fear, investigation without interference, accountability without discrimination and justice without favour.

We shall continue to engage the relevant authorities and monitor developments closely.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Northern Regional GNAT Executives stand firmly with the bereaved family of Mr. Abu Seidu, his colleagues, his pupils and the entire teaching fraternity.

WE DEMAND JUSTICE FOR ABU SEIDU.

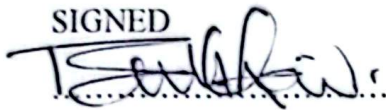
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