

CONCERNED BIRIFOR YOUTH OF GHANA

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Location: Lassia Tuolu & Allied Communities, Wa West District, Upper West Region, Ghana

ADDRESSED TO:

1. The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Accra
2. The Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Ghana Police Service, Accra
3. The Director of Public Prosecutions, Attorney-General's Department, Accra
4. The Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament
5. The Majority and Minority Caucuses of Parliament
6. The Hon. Minister for the Interior
7. The Hon. Minister for Local Government and Decentralization
8. The National Peace Council, Accra and Wa
9. The President, National House of Chiefs
10. Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Accra and Wa
11. Amnesty International Ghana
12. Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, the Asantehene

PETITION FOR URGENT STATE INTERVENTION:

THE KIDNAPPING, BRUTAL MURDER AND DELIBERATE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE IN THE DEATHS OF GAA JOHN KWAME AND DARI DODOMO MOSES — WA WEST DISTRICT

Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied. The State Must Not Watch While Lawlessness Thrives.

PREAMBLE

We, the Concerned Birifor Youth of Ghana, together with the bereaved fathers Gaa Sormin and Yiribea Kuuri, address this petition with deep frustration, righteous anger and an unwavering commitment to justice — as guaranteed by Article 17 of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana, which affirms that all persons shall be equal before the law. We speak not only for two murdered men. We speak for three widows whose lives have been suspended by State inaction. We speak for children who cannot be touched when sick. We speak for a community that has been attacked, killed and abandoned by the very institutions meant to protect it.

1. FACTS OF THE CASE

13. On 23rd November 2025, Gaa John Kwame and Dari Dodomo Moses, both of Lassia Tuolu, Wa West District, were travelling to Wechiau Market when approximately twenty (20) armed men stopped and surrounded them at Kandeu Community.
14. The armed men demanded money for a chief's funeral, assaulted the victims and three other travellers, fired weapons in the air and brutally murdered both men.

Property seized included two (2) motorcycles, three (3) mobile phones and GHS 350.00 cash — confirming robbery, kidnapping and murder occurred simultaneously.

15. Survivor Ebenezer Nyortaa reported the crime to Wa West District Police the same day. Eleven (11) suspects were arrested with five (5) firearms. Four (4) additional suspects were later apprehended.
16. Suspect Fuseni Musah confessed to police that he, together with Bukari Bashiru, Dabila Daudi and Ibrahim Gafaru, committed the murders. Three accomplices remain at large — reportedly walking freely in Kande Community to this day.
17. Suspects were arraigned before the Wa District Court on charges including: Possession of Unlawful Firearms, Conspiracy to Rob, Robbery, Conspiracy to Kidnap, Kidnapping, Conspiracy to Murder and Murder.

2. THE DELIBERATE COLLAPSE OF PROSECUTION — AN OUTRAGE

□ The charges were not dropped because the evidence failed. The charges were dropped despite the evidence. That distinction is not legal. It is corruption.

18. During proceedings at the Wa District Court, the Principal State Attorney for the Upper West Region advised that charges of Conspiracy to Rob, Robbery, Conspiracy to Kidnap and Kidnapping be dropped — retaining only Possession of Unlawful Firearms and Conspiracy to Murder / Murder.
19. Based on this advice, eight (8) of eleven (11) suspects were discharged. The facts on record clearly established that robbery occurred — property was seized at gunpoint. Kidnapping occurred — movement was restrained by force. There is no legal justification for dropping these charges. None has been provided to the families despite repeated requests.
20. At a police identification parade, the principal victim and witness identified individuals present at the scene of the murders — individuals who had seized the victims' motorcycles and phones. Those same individuals were subsequently acquitted and discharged. This directly contravenes Article 19(1) of the Constitution, which guarantees a fair hearing and a fair prosecution.
21. A suspect confessed on record that two prominent chiefs in Wa West District ordered the murders. Those chiefs have not been arrested. They have not been questioned. They have not been inconvenienced. They are free. This is not an oversight. This is a decision.
22. The Regional Commander of Police is credibly alleged to have personally obstructed an attempt to arrest the accused chiefs — on the basis that they are his personal associates. If this allegation is accurate, it constitutes a criminal abuse of public office and a direct violation of Article 125(3) of the Constitution, which demands that justice be administered impartially and without fear or favour.

23. The families were told the case was being transferred to the High Court — implying investigations are complete. Yet the bodies have not been recovered. The accomplices are free. The chiefs are free. How does a complete investigation produce no bodies, no convicted killers and no justice?

□ **We hold the Principal State Attorney, Upper West Region, and the Regional Commander of Police directly responsible for the current state of this case. Their conduct must be independently investigated without delay.**

THE CASE OF MR. GARIGU A grave injustice is unfolding in Wechiau that demands immediate state attention. Mr. Garigu, a law abiding Birifor resident, lawfully acquired land, built a home, and settled with his family in Wechiau. In a shocking display of extrajudicial tyranny, he has been forcibly banished from his home and driven to Burkina Faso

Armed Intimidation. A group of radicalized youth, brandishing sophisticated firearms marched to Mr. Garigu's residence and forced him out of his own property under the threat of death.

Forced Exile; it is an indictment of our national security that a Ghanaian citizen can be deported from his own district in a foreign country by a lawless mob.

The rise of local militias; we have credible evidence that children are being routinely camped in the bushes and taught how to use sophisticated weaponry. This "Jihadist-style" radicalization is a ticking time bomb. This is no longer just a communal dispute; it is a burgeoning insurgency that threatens the peace and sovereignty of the Republic of Ghana.

No.	Name / Alias	Specific Identifier/Title
1	Yaya Captain	
2	Master One	Youth Chairman
3	Jaako Ajululu	
4	Waasiu	Cement Seller (Roundabout)
5	Alhassan Nabaabile	
6	Daud Latif	
7	Daud Wahabu	Gana
8	Yussif Jaber	
9	Mohammed	Last Killer
10	Daud Ali	Sisco
11	Nuhu Latif	
12	Manache Seidu	Bigi
13	Mantani Anuwar Kwabena	
14	Osman Inusah	
15	Alhassan Malik	
16	DABO	

- 17 Moon Die
- 18 Siita Dapaa
- 19 Abass
- 20 Abdulai
- 21 Hafiz Mumuni
- 22 Daud Aziz
- 23 Dorimonaa Daudi

Photographic evidence of armed individuals involved in the illegal banishment of Mr. Garigu and the ongoing radicalization in the Wa West District.



3. THE UNSPEAKABLE SUFFERING OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN

□ The failure to recover these bodies is not administrative inconvenience. It is an active, daily violation of the human rights of three living women and their children — perpetuated by State inaction.

24. Under the Birifor customary law and tradition, a befitting burial is the sacred act that releases a widow from the bond of marriage and restores her full standing in the community. Until a husband is buried, a widow remains bound in every sense — spiritually, socially and legally under custom.
25. Our tradition strictly forbids a widow from having any intimate relations with any man while her husband remains unburied. The gods of our land hold that death will befall any man who has relations with such a widow. Three (3) widows of the deceased are currently living under this prohibition — not by choice, but because the State has failed to recover the bodies. They cannot remarry. They cannot rebuild their lives. They are suspended in grief by State inaction.
26. The suffering extends further and more dangerously. Under our tradition, no person — including medical personnel and community members — is permitted to physically touch the widows or their children in the event of sickness or medical emergency. Our custom holds that anyone who touches a widow or her child while the husband remains unburied will die. This means that when a widow falls ill, no one can carry her. When a child is sick, neighbours fear to help. Even the widow herself is prohibited from touching or nursing her own sick child — as tradition holds the child will die if the unburied husband's widow handles it in this state. These women and their children are medically, physically and socially isolated — with no protection, no assistance and no end in sight.
27. These three widows and their children are without the financial and social support of a husband and father. They cannot remarry to rebuild. They cannot receive physical help when unwell. They are living in poverty, isolation and fear — and every single day of State inaction adds to that suffering.
28. This constitutes a direct and continuing violation of their constitutional rights to dignity, to found a family and to determine matters of their own private and family life, as protected under Articles 15(1) and 22 of the 1992 Constitution. The State is not merely failing to help these women — it is the reason they cannot be helped.

We ask every institution receiving this petition to look beyond the legal arguments and see three women who cannot bury their husbands, cannot hold their children when they cry at night, cannot remarry, cannot be touched when sick, and cannot rebuild — because the State has not done its job.

4. OUR DEMANDS — NON-NEGOTIABLE AND IMMEDIATE

We demand, without apology, fear or compromise:

29. **Immediately review and set aside the advice of the Principal State Attorney, Upper West Region, to drop charges of Conspiracy to Rob, Robbery, Conspiracy to Kidnap and Kidnapping — and reinstate all charges supported by evidence.**
30. **Assign a Senior State Attorney from the Attorney-General's Headquarters, Accra, to take over full prosecution of this case — or transfer the case to the High Court, Accra, for trial, removing it entirely from the jurisdiction where corruption has already compromised it.**
31. **Issue immediate directives for the recovery of the mortal remains of Gaa John Kwame and Dari Dodomo Moses — to enable autopsy, prosecution and a**

befitting burial that will finally release the three widows and their children from their customary suffering.

- 32. Arrest immediately all suspects identified in the murder confession — including the three accomplices at large — and pursue arrest of the chiefs alleged to have ordered the murders.**
- 33. Launch an immediate, independent investigation into the conduct of the Principal State Attorney, Upper West Region, and the Regional Commander of Police, for apparent conflict of interest and alleged obstruction of justice in this case.**
- 34. Order immediate production of the full docket and case diary from Wa Police for independent review by the Attorney-General's Department, Accra.**
- 35. Ensure victim support for the bereaved families — including the three widows and all orphaned children — under the Victims of Crime Fund Act, 2020 (Act 1047), with immediate effect.**

□ The State has ONE (1) WEEK from the date of this petition to demonstrate visible and measurable action. If no action is taken, we shall interpret that silence as a deliberate renunciation of constitutional duty — and we shall escalate accordingly, including to international human rights bodies.

CONCLUSION

The Birifor people are indigenous Ghanaians. This land is our home of origin. We have nowhere else to go and we refuse to be driven out by violence and institutional indifference.

Two men were murdered on a public road in broad daylight. Chiefs allegedly ordered those murders. A police commander allegedly protected those chiefs. A State Attorney allegedly collapsed the prosecution. Eight suspects were discharged despite a witness identification. The bodies remain hidden. Three widows cannot be touched. Their children cannot be nursed. Eight months have passed.

This is not a failure of the system. This is the system being deliberately used against us. We name it for what it is: corruption, ethnic marginalization and a betrayal of every constitutional guarantee this Republic was built upon.

We seek justice — not anarchy. But justice that is invisible is indistinguishable from injustice. The Constitution of Ghana guarantees equality and protection for all citizens. We call on every institution named in this petition to act with urgency, courage and the full force of the law. The eyes of Ghana — and of the international community — are watching.

On behalf of the Bereaved Families:

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Father of Gaa John Kwame

YIRIBEA KUURI

Father of Dari Dodomo Moses

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