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THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE (GCBC) CONDEMNS THE MURDER OF IBRAHIM MOHAMMED AND TWO OTHERS AT EJURA IN THE ASHANTI REGION OF GHANA

We wish to condemn in no uncertain terms the murder of Ibrahim Mohammed, aka Kaaka, a social media activist said to be a member of the #FixTheCountry campaign.

We are disgusted at the shooting incident that resulted in the death of two of the compatriots of Ibrahim Mohammed: Muntala Mohammed, 25, and Abdul Nasir Yusif, 25, during a demonstration in Ejura to demand justice over the murder.

We have expressed time and again the need for our security agencies to be very professional in the discharge of their duties, especially when it comes to crowd control. Unfortunately, the situation is rather getting out of hand and this does not augur well for our country. How can one justify the action of the military man seen in the viral video aiming and shooting at unprotected and unarmed civilians in an attempt to stop the demonstration? This act is not only condemnable but criminal and must be investigated and the perpetrators duly punished. This must be done with the urgency it deserves because citizens are gradually losing trust in the ability of our security agencies to handle such cases effectively and competently.

While awaiting action over the death of the three and those injured, we appeal to all agitated youth across the country, particularly those of Ejura, to restrain themselves from engaging in acts that can result in social unrest. Those who wish to exercise their fundamental human rights to demonstrate should do so within the limits of the laws of the country.

All well-meaning people must deplore and actively discourage the seemingly growing level of intolerance of divergent views and undemocratic conduct of security personnel and some government officials.

Finally, we wish to express our deepest condolences to the families of our three deceased brothers as we pray for healing for the rest of the victims of the gun shots who are receiving treatment at the hospital.

May the souls of those who died rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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