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STATEMENT BY THE ASHANTI CAUCUS IN PARLIAMENT ON THE SUAME POST OFFICE MARKET FIRE

The Ashanti NPP Caucus in Parliament expresses our deepest sympathies to the thousands of traders who have lost their shops, goods, and livelihoods in the devastating fire that swept through the Suame Post Office Market, destroying over 300 shops.

While we mourn with the victims, we cannot remain silent on a worrying trend. In recent months, the Ashanti Region has suffered repeated market fires, each time destroying years of hard work and investment by ordinary Ghanaians. These fires have become one too many, and the people of Ashanti deserve more than routine words of sympathy and empty promises.

We are compelled to ask: where is the urgency, where is the accountability, and where is the concrete plan from government to stop these recurring disasters? Traders cannot continue to watch their sweat and toil reduced to ashes while authorities respond with business-as-usual attitudes.

We demand immediate and comprehensive action:

- 1. A full-scale, transparent investigation into the Suame fire, with findings made public.**
- 2. Emergency relief and compensation packages for affected traders.**
- 3. Urgent implementation of modern fire safety infrastructure in our markets, including hydrants, surveillance systems, and dedicated fire posts.**
- 4. A clear policy framework to permanently address the spate of market fires across the Ashanti Region.**

The Ashanti NPP Caucus will raise this matter forcefully on the floor of Parliament. We owe it to the hardworking men and women whose livelihoods keep our local and national economy alive. Enough is enough! The time for rhetoric is over; the time for decisive action is now.

We stand firmly with the traders of Suame and the Ashanti Region, and we will not relent until their safety, livelihoods, and dignity are secured.

Signed.

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