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His Excellency,
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps,
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Your Excellency,

PETITION ON RAMBO-STYLE ARRESTS & UNLAWFUL RAIDS IN GHANA

I humbly petition your high office to take urgent note of the disturbing developments currently unfolding in our country, Ghana, since the assumption of office by the NDC government on January 7, 2025.

Today, Ghana stands at a dark crossroads in our democratic journey. Our beloved nation has been plunged into a climate of fear and intimidation where dissent is punished and criticism is criminalized. What Ghana is experiencing is not democracy, but an orchestrated campaign of political persecution designed to silence voices that refuse to sing praises to the regime.

In the dead of night and in broad daylight, armed men invade the homes of citizens, opposition leaders are dragged through humiliating trials, and ordinary critics face bail conditions so unrealistic that they become instruments of punishment rather than justice. Ghana has become a place where the mere act of speaking out can cost you your dignity, your freedom, and your peace of mind.

The Rambo-style invasion of the residence of the former Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Dr. Ernest Addison, on March 19, 2025, stands as a chilling example. At dawn, over twenty heavily armed operatives descended upon his Roman Ridge home, disabling security cameras and rummaging through his belongings like common raiders. This was no ordinary search; it was a show of brute force, a deliberate act of intimidation against a man who served this country with distinction. No vaults were found, no grand discoveries were made.

What was achieved was the deliberate humiliation of a respected public servant, meant to send a message to every former official who dares to hold their head high under this regime.

Former Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta, on February 11, 2025, has also been subjected to a level of persecution that shocks the conscience. Soldiers and plain-clothed operatives stormed his home in his absence, rifling through his refrigerator, gym, kitchen, and personal effects. Instead of lawful prosecution, we have witnessed a theatre of intimidation. The Office of the Special Prosecutor declared him a fugitive even as he sought medical treatment abroad, branding him internationally through Interpol red notices, dragging his name through mud and ridicule. This was not an act of justice but a calculated humiliation to break a man's spirit and tarnish his legacy.

The ADC to the former Vice President (April 7, 2025) had his home ransacked without explanations, and items picked from his home in a manner that reflected political vengeance rather than due process. Rev. Ntim Fordjour, Member of Parliament (April 9, 2025), has been harassed under conditions that sought to cow him into silence.

Katakyie Afrifa (March 19, 2025), a vibrant youth voice and host of For the Records, whose fearless dissent against the government has inspired many, was disgracefully picked up by security operatives shortly after completing his examinations, a calculated act to break his spirit at a vulnerable moment. Alfred Ababio Kumi, popularly known as Adenta Kumi (May 23, 2025), was seized at dawn, accused of "false news" for daring to speak his mind. His arrest, condemned by rights groups, shows clearly that under this government, freedom of speech has become a dangerous luxury.

Chairman Wontumi, Ashanti Regional Chairman of the NPP (May 26, 2025), was arrested and dragged through interrogations while his home was invaded. His supposed crime is nothing more than being an uncompromising critic of this government. Kwame Baffoe, widely known as Abronye DC (September 8, 2025), is also suffering the same fate, hauled before authorities and subjected to endless harassment, with every move monitored and every word policed. He has even been remanded to reappear on September 12, despite the fact that the charge against him is nothing more than a misdemeanor. This is proof that the weight of the state is being weaponized to crush a political opponent. These are not isolated cases; they are part of a deliberate strategy to weaken the opposition by striking at its boldest defenders.

But the persecution does not end with senior figures. Even young social commentators and entertainers have not been spared. Fante Comedy (August 12, 2025), whose only weapon is satire, has been hunted for mocking government excesses. Priscilla Duah (August 20, 2025), a young lady whose social media commentary inspired thousands, has been dragged through unnecessary interrogations and bail regimes designed to silence her. Sir Obama of Pokuase (August 12, 2025), another youthful voice who dared to question, was seized and treated like a hardened criminal for nothing more than dissent.

Your Excellency, what unites all these ordeals is not justice, but politics. The security forces have been turned into political attack dogs, operating without regard for legality or human rights. Court processes are abused, bail is weaponized, and the presumption of innocence has been discarded. The police, EOCO, National Security, and even the OSP are being manipulated into serving partisan ends. The aim is not to fight corruption, but to fight critics. The message is loud and terrifying: in John Mahama's Ghana, criticism equals crime, and opposition equals danger.

This is no longer the safe Ghana we knew. Our democracy is being stripped bare. Fear has become the new constitution. Ordinary citizens now whisper in their own homes, uncertain who might be watching, listening, or waiting to pounce. The atmosphere resembles not a free republic but a besieged state where political enemies are hounded one by one. When soldiers and masked men raid homes in the middle of the night, when ministers and MPs are dragged like fugitives, when young people are imprisoned in everything but name for tweets and jokes, then Ghana is no longer safe.

I state unequivocally: this wave of intimidation must end. We will not be cowed. We will not be silenced. Ghana belongs not to the NDC or the NPP but to her people. And her people deserve a government that protects freedoms, not one that terrorizes them. If dissent is destroyed, democracy dies.

I respectfully appeal to Your Excellency to:

1. Take due note of these disturbing developments and their implications for Ghana's democracy.
2. Urge the Government of Ghana to immediately end the unlawful raids, arbitrary arrests, and political persecution of citizens.
3. Encourage respect for the rule of law, due process, and the protection of fundamental freedoms.
4. Support the Ghanaian people in defending democratic space against authoritarian descent.

Your Excellency, the events we recount today are not isolated missteps; they are a grand political scheme to erase criticism and create a culture of fear. Ghana today teeters on the edge of authoritarianism disguised as democracy. We must resist this descent with every democratic tool available to us.

SIGNED.

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