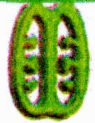


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STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ASHANTI REGIONAL PEACE COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD PEACE DAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2025

As the world celebrates World Peace Day, the Ashanti Regional Peace Council, ARPC wishes to congratulate all who work for peace in our Region. We particularly wish to congratulate the Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, for his pristine leadership, which has helped immensely to sustain peace in the chieftaincy institution in the Region.

We also wish to congratulate the Honourable Regional Minister, Dr. Frank Amoakohene and the members of the Regional Security Council (REGSEC), the various Metropolitan, Municipal and District Chief Executives and their District Security Councils for their unwavering efforts in maintaining peace in the Region.

Again, we commend the media fraternity for their substantive roles played in promoting peace in the region during the post-election period, especially Garden City Radio/Garden City Television and all other sister stations for the free airtime allotted to the Council for peace education and sensitization programs.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Act now for a peaceful World", highlighting the necessity of taking actions against prejudice, violence, hate and injustice. Everyone, including peacekeepers, leaders, students and community members, have a role to play in maintaining peace in our country. The Act Now Campaign from the United Nations (UN) is helping millions to choose issues, take the necessary action and track their progress. In the Ashanti region, our major concern is socio-economic need hidden in greed and hatred that pose challenges to peace in the region.

The Council believes that the celebration of World Peace Day also gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the roles we play in ensuring and sustaining peace in our homes, workplaces, communities and the nation as a whole. Everyone is susceptible to persecution during times of conflict, so we must all work individually and collectively to guarantee that peace prevails at all times.

As we commemorate World Peace Day this year, let us keep in mind that a Peaceful Society is one where there is justice, transparency, honesty, fairness, equality, low- level of corruption, equitable distribution of resources, good relations with neighbours, well-functioning Institutions and acceptance of the rights of others in a dignified manner.

As Ghanaians, we all belong to state and non-state institutions that play key roles in the development of our nation. Our collective efforts will go a long way to shape the country into how we envision it. With a rise in target killings, suicides, road accidents, proliferation of arms and citizen unrest, it is high time we fostered peace and paid attention to the early warning signs in our environment.

The ultimate impact of violence is that, it is a descending spiral, begetting the very things it seeks to destroy, which may lead to under-development. If there will be tranquillity in our time and generations to come, then it will be determined by the steps we take towards achieving it today. Let us all contribute our quota in the fight for peace in our region and the country as a whole.

The security agencies should exhibit the highest professional conduct in the discharge of their mandate and lawfully nip in the bud the culture of impunity so as to ensure trust and confidence in their ability to remain fair, just and neutral at all times. Individuals should also be honest, fair, objective and truthful in their line of duty in the region.

Protracted conflicts should be managed in a manner that ensures a peaceful atmosphere in our various communities. Peace education should be extended to all stakeholders so as to build trust in ourselves as the only people who can change our own destiny. Let us all love, cherish, promote and defend the priceless gift of peace we enjoy.

We wish the people of the Ashanti Region and the country as a whole a peaceful and sober celebration of World Peace Day.

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