

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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GOVERNMENT OF GHANA APPALLED AT THE ILL-TREATMENT METED OUT TO GHANAIAN TRAVELLERS BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AT THE BEN GURION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

ACCRA, 10TH DECEMBER, 2025 – The Government of the Republic of Ghana wishes to express its strong protest and deplores the recent ill-treatment meted out to Ghanaian nationals travelling to Israel at the entry port of Ben Gurion International Airport.

The Government has observed with great concern that since Sunday, 7th December 2025, Ghanaian travellers have been deliberately targeted and subjected to inhumane and traumatic treatment.

On the day in issue, seven (7) Ghanaian travellers to Israel were detained at the Ben Gurion International Airport without justifiable cause. The detained included four (4) members of a Parliamentary delegation taking part in the ongoing Annual International Cybersecurity Conference in Tel Aviv. They were only released after more than five hours of strenuous diplomatic intervention.

The remaining three (3) were deported on the next available flight and have since arrived in Ghana.

The Government of Ghana considers the actions of the Israeli authorities as unfairly targeting Ghanaian travellers and accordingly conveys its strong reservations against the humiliating treatment of our citizens at the Ben Gurion International Airport.

It is worth highlighting that Ghana and Israel have enjoyed cordial relations for more than six decades with considerable high volumes of unimpeded travel by citizens of both nations. This condemnable conduct by Israeli authorities is extremely provocative, unacceptable and inconsistent with our friendly historical relations.

Following our enquiries, we find the justification provided by the Israeli Government being an alleged non-cooperation of our Embassy in the deportation of Ghanaians in Israeli custody as totally untenable as the facts confirm that our mission in Tel Aviv has been responsive and compliant with international law.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will this morning summon officials of the Israeli Embassy in Accra to convey our displeasure in the strongest possible terms.

Meanwhile, the Government of Ghana is considering appropriate reciprocal action.

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