



# MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

## PRESS STATEMENT

### **GOVERNMENT OF GHANA CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF A GHANAIAN NATIONAL IN SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE JUNE 30 DEMONSTRATIONS**

ACCRA, 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2026 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received with profound shock and sadness reports of the fatal shooting of a Ghanaian national, Mr. Bashiru Isak, aged 40 years in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, South Africa, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 during anti-immigrant demonstrations linked to ongoing xenophobic attacks.

The Government of Ghana condemns, in the strongest terms, this senseless act of violence and the rising tide of xenophobia targeting African nationals, including Ghanaians, in South Africa. The taking of any life is unacceptable and those responsible must be brought to justice without delay.

On the instructions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ghana High Commission in Pretoria has formally registered Ghana's protest with the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, and has subsequently filed a complaint with the South African Police Service. These steps were carried out after having confirmed the identity of the deceased and notified the bereaved family. At the request of the Government of Ghana, an autopsy has since been performed on the body.

Ghana demands from the South African authorities a full, transparent and expedited investigation leading to the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators. We also reiterate our call on the South African authorities to ensure enhanced protection for all Ghanaian nationals in affected communities.

The Ministry, through its High Commission in Pretoria, has formally registered Ghana's protest to the South African authorities and has reiterated our expectation that, South Africa, in line with its international obligations, will guarantee the safety, dignity and rights of all foreign nationals on its territory, including Ghanaians.

It would be recalled that Ghana has already transmitted a petition to the African Union Commission (AUC). Our formal petition on xenophobic attacks against African nationals in South Africa remains active and we expect the AU to treat the matter with the urgency it demands at its next statutory meeting.



Meanwhile, plans are being made by the Ministry to repatriate the body of the late Mr. Bashiru Isak to his family in Ghana for a befitting burial.

The Ministry extends its deepest condolences to the family of the deceased during this difficult time.

Ghanaians in South Africa who elected not to take advantage of Ghana Government's repatriation exercise are advised to remain vigilant, avoid high-risk areas, and when in danger, contact the High Commission on its 24-hour emergency lines: (0725145476/ 0726143856/ 0724153373/ 0767718726/ 0719858042)

Ghana will continue to pursue all diplomatic, consular, and multilateral avenues to protect the lives and welfare of its citizens abroad and to ensure that such attacks are not repeated.

**TO ALL MEDIA HOUSES**