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THE HON. MINISTER  
GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
JUBILEE HOUSE  
ACCRA

Dear Sir,

**GNA PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS  
OF THE 6 AUGUST HELICOPTER NATIONAL TRAGEDY**

The Ghana News Agency (GNA) joins the heavy-hearted in solemn prayer for the distinguished public servants and dedicated officers who tragically lost their lives on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in service to the nation.

This tragedy is not merely a national calamity but also a deeply personal loss for the Agency. As the state-owned wire service, GNA works hand in hand with government institutions and officials to advance national sustainable development and democratic governance. Our departed leaders were not just partners in that work -they were collaborators and friends whose commitment and vision profoundly impacted our shared mission.

The GNA, therefore, mourns the tragic passing of:

- Hon. Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah, Minister for Defence;
- Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed, Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, and MP for Tamale Central;
- Alhaji Limuna Mohammed Muniru, Acting Deputy National Security Coordinator;
- Hon. Samuel Sarpong, National Vice-Chairman, NDC;
- Mr. Samuel Aboagye, former parliamentary candidate;
- Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, Pilot;
- Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu, Co-Pilot; and
- Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah, Crew Member.

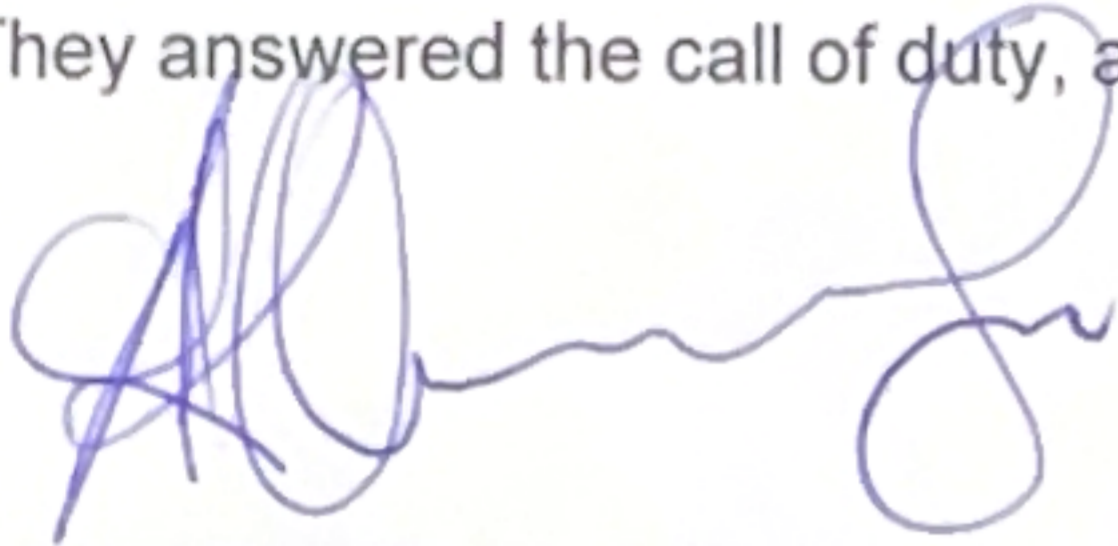
On that fateful morning, the Ghana Air Force Z-9 helicopter departed Accra bound for Obuasi. The delegation was on a national mission to participate in the launch of small-scale miners' cooperatives to promote responsible mining - an initiative aimed at safeguarding the environment, empowering communities, and ensuring sustainable livelihoods.

Beyond their official duties, these public officers had cultivated warm and respectful relationships with GNA staff - bonds built on mutual trust and shared dedication. Their loss resonates deeply across our newsroom.

In this hour of profound grief, the Ghana News Agency joins the Government and people of Ghana in extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, their respective ministries, and the Ghana Armed Forces.

May their noble service and sacrifice continue to inspire, may their legacy guide our future, and may they rest in eternal peace.

"They answered the call of duty, and their service will forever be etched in our nation's history."



ALBERT KOFI OWUSU  
GENERAL MANAGER