



30th October, 2019

The Editor
Chronicle Newspaper
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Dear Editor,

RE: AFTER OCTOBER, 2018 VIOLENT DEMO: GUNS RULE AT KNUST

The attention of Management of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi has been drawn to the above headline on the front page of the Wednesday, 30th October, 2019 edition of the Chronicle newspaper.

We wish to state that KNUST students' population is over 63,000 and a staff strength of almost 3,500, therefore, the claim by one lecturer does not reflect the general mood of the University. In fact, it is on record that the radio station where the statement is alleged to have been made has issued a disclaimer stating the news was untrue. We are therefore surprised that, the Chronicle newspaper still went ahead to publish the story with such misleading and over-exaggerated headline, even though the University's Relations Officer has had the opportunity to explain the University's position on the matter to the Chronicle's reporter.

We wish to state without any equivocation that, the University's policies do not permit any staff (teaching or non-teaching), students and visitor's to possess any weapons on the University campus.

The University has put adequate security measures in place to protect life and property of all members - students, lecturers and administrative staff including security support from Regional Security Council (REGSEC).

We are by this proclamation assuring the general public and parents of our cherished students on campus to disregard the misleading and untrue story carried by the Chronicle.

The University Community is very peaceful; all students and staff are busy going about their normal activities, without any hindrance.

Yours Sincerely,

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