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PRESS STATEMENT

CALL FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED CITI FM JOURNALIST BRUTALITY

Movement for Responsible & Accountable Governance (MoRAG) has been left in utmost dismay at recent happenings between National Security Ministry and Citi FM. This involves the alleged brutality meted to Citi FM journalist Caleb Kudah and the gestapo invasion of CITI FM premises by National Security operatives to arrest Zoe Abu-Baidoo on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

First of all, MoRAG condemns these acts of the security officials in its strongest term. We believe the Ministry, under the instruction of ASP Samuel Azugu and Lieutenant Colonel Agyemang, could have handled the matter professionally than what happened.

The alleged brutality by the National Security personnel against the Caleb Kudah was inhuman, uncharacterized of modern-day policing. This offends the fundamental human rights of a person as enshrined in Article 15(2) of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana, which provides that no person shall, whether or not he is arrested, restricted or detained, be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

We are by this statement calling for an independent investigation into the sad happening of May 11, 2021.

MoRAG believes the National Security Ministry lacks the needed credibility to investigate the Caleb Kudah incident as they have not lived up to expectation in similar instances when they had to investigate or undertake reforms. The Ministry has not shown true fidelity to the people of Ghana and cannot be trusted in investigating their own men.

A classical case in point is the arrest of Modern Ghana journalist Mr. Emmanuel Ajafor and the Ayawaso West Wuogon incident.





We further call on the Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Alban Bagbin to immediately constitute a committee to investigate the unlawful and unfortunate brutality meted to Citi FM journalist Caleb Kudah.

Additionally, the committee should extend its investigation to cover all brutalities by the National Security Ministry and other security agencies like National Intelligence Bureau, formerly BNI.

It is our opinion that such investigation by Parliament would help repair the damage caused by the National Security Ministry against the fundamental human of citizens and improve public confidence in state institutions in delivering justice in such situations.

Yours in the people's interest,

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