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PETITION FOR UPDATES, TRANSPARENCY, AND JUSTICE IN AN ALLEGED HUMAN TRAFFICKING, FRAUD, AND UNLAWFUL DETENTION CASE INVOLVING GHANAIAN CITIZENS

INTRODUCTION AND LOCUS OF PETITIONER

The Centre of Posterity Interest Organization (COPIO) is a Ghanaian civil society and public interest organization committed to promoting good governance, human rights protection, accountability, and the welfare of vulnerable persons and communities.

As part of its mandate, COPIO works with citizens, community groups, and public institutions to ensure that the rights guaranteed under the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana are respected and protected. The organization also advocates transparency in public administration and supports victims of injustice to access lawful remedies.

In furtherance of this mandate, and acting in the public interest and in support of the affected victims, COPIO respectfully submits this petition to your esteemed office to seek transparency, accountability, and justice in a matter involving alleged fraud, human trafficking, unlawful detention, and exploitation of Ghanaian citizens under the pretext of facilitating travel to Belgium.

BACKGROUND OF THE MATTER

COPIO has received credible complaints from a number of Ghanaian citizens who allege that certain individuals approached them with promises to facilitate their travel to Belgium for employment opportunities and better living conditions.

Relying on these assurances, the victims paid substantial sums of money to the perpetrators as processing and travel facilitation fees.

However, instead of facilitating their travel to Belgium as promised, the victims allege that they were transported to Côte d'Ivoire, where they were reportedly confined in a building against their will under distressing and degrading conditions.

The victims indicate that they were deprived of their freedom of movement and were only released after some of them began developing serious health complications.

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Two of the victims, Mr. Amos Asante and Mr. Tang Richard, are reportedly still battling health complications resulting from the ordeal.

The victims further state that the total amount collected from them exceeds Eight Hundred and Forty-One Thousand Ghana Cedis (GHS 841,000.00).

LIST OF VICTIMS AND AMOUNTS PAID

The victims and the amounts allegedly paid are as follows:

1. **Owusuwaa Beatrice:** GHS 260,000.00
2. **Boahen Mark:** Amount included in the payment made through **Paul Bano**
3. **Tang Richard:** GHS 140,000.00
4. **Asante Amos:** GHS 88,000.00
5. **Luwto Rexford:** GHS 25,000.00
6. **Appau Juliana:** Amount included in the payment made through **Paul Bano**
7. **Paul Bano:** GHS 240,000.00 (This amount includes payments made on behalf of Boahen Mark and Appau Juliana)
8. **Mawuli Amenydu:** GHS 88,000.00

These sums represent the life savings and financial investments of the victims, many of whom were seeking opportunities to improve their livelihoods.

ARREST OF SUSPECTS

COPIO understands that the Nkoranza Divisional Police Command has arrested three individuals in connection with the matter, namely:

1. **Enoch Atia**, also known as *Coach Pique*
2. **Christopher Dabari**, also known as *Ability 1*
3. **Clementia Ampana**

We are further informed that the matter has been placed before a court of competent jurisdiction for determination.

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CONCERNS OF THE VICTIMS

While the victims commend the Ghana Police Service for the arrest of the suspects and the commencement of legal proceedings, they have expressed serious concerns regarding the lack of communication and updates regarding the progress of the case.

According to the victims:

- They have not been adequately informed about the progress of investigations by the police
- They remain uncertain about the status of the case.
- They continue to endure financial hardship, emotional distress, and medical challenges arising from the incident.

The absence of communication has created confusion and anxiety among the victims, who are anxious to see justice served.

RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF GHANAIAAN LAW

The actions alleged by the victims potentially constitute serious criminal offences under the laws of Ghana, including but not limited to:

1. The Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29)

- **Section 131: Defrauding by False Pretences**, which criminalizes obtaining property or money through deception.
- **Section 23 and Section 149: Abetment and Conspiracy**, relating to persons who collaborate to commit criminal acts.
- **Sections relating to unlawful detention and deprivation of liberty**, where a person is unlawfully restrained or confined.

2. The Human Trafficking Act, 2005 (Act 694)

This Act criminalizes the recruitment, transportation, harboring, or receipt of persons through deception or abuse of vulnerability for the purpose of exploitation.

The alleged transportation of victims to another country under false pretenses and their confinement may fall squarely within the definition of human trafficking under Ghanaian law.



3. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana

The actions described potentially violate several constitutional rights including:

- **Article 14:** Protection of Personal liberty.
- **Article 15:** Protection of the dignity of all persons
- **Article 23:** Requirement that administrative bodies act fairly, reasonably, and in accordance with due process.

PUBLIC INTEREST DIMENSION

Beyond the plight of the victims, this matter raises serious concerns about fraudulent travel schemes and possible cross-border trafficking networks targeting vulnerable Ghanaian citizens.

If not decisively addressed, such schemes have the potential to undermine public confidence in lawful migration processes and expose many other citizens to exploitation.

COPIO therefore considers it necessary, in the broader public interest, to bring this matter to the attention of relevant state institutions responsible for law enforcement, human rights protection, and international cooperation.

OUR HUMBLE REQUESTS

In light of the foregoing, the Centre of Posterity Interest Organization respectfully petitions the relevant authorities to:

1. Provide the victims with clear and periodic updates regarding the status and progress of the investigation and court proceedings.
2. Ensure that the case is pursued diligently, transparently, and without undue delay in accordance with the laws of Ghana.
3. Investigate the full extent of the alleged criminal network, including any additional accomplices who may be involved.
4. Facilitate appropriate medical and psychosocial support for victims who continue to suffer health complications.
5. Take all lawful steps to recover monies unlawfully obtained from the victims and pursue restitution where possible.
6. Work with the relevant state institutions and international partners to facilitate the safe return of any other victims who may still be outside Ghana or stranded as a result of this scheme, including engaging the appropriate diplomatic and immigration authorities where necessary.



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CONCLUSION

This matter represents not only a case of alleged financial fraud but also a disturbing situation involving possible human trafficking, exploitation, and unlawful deprivation of liberty of Ghanaian citizens across national borders.

Given the gravity of the allegations and the significant financial and human impact on the victims, we respectfully request that this petition be given urgent attention.

In accordance with the principles of administrative fairness and accountability under Article 23 of the 1992 Constitution, we respectfully request to be formally informed of the status and progress of this case within a reasonable period.

We trust that the relevant authorities will treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves in order to restore public confidence in law enforcement and the justice system.

The **Centre of Posterity Interest Organization** remains ready to cooperate with the relevant authorities in any lawful manner to ensure that justice is served and that vulnerable citizens are protected from similar schemes in the future.



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