

## **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA COMMISERATES WITH VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION AT APIASTE IN THE WESTERN REGION**

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana is saddened by this disaster at Appiatse near Bogoso in the Western Region occurring on Thursday January 20, 2022, which has claimed so many lives and damaged properties.

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana's heart goes out to those bereaved families and the injured. We console the bereaved families and wish those who are injured and receiving treatment, God's healing grace and quick recovery.

We would like to say that we are happy the authorities are doing what they can to get to the bottom of this disaster and we are hopeful that lessons would be learnt to prevent the recurrence of such a disaster.

We commend the combine efforts of the Ghana Police Service, National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) the Ghana Armed Forces and other emergency groups and organizations providing support and healthcare for the affected victims and their families.

As we mourn the lives that have been lost in this disaster, we ask our politicians not to score cheap political points with the tragedy that has befallen the nation, instead, they should support national efforts at supporting the victims and their families to come out of their current predicaments.

As one of the leading churches in Ghana, we pledge that we will rally our congregations and members across the county to offer support in the form of donations of all kinds such as cloths and other useful materials to the affected victims and their families.

We also encourage our Ministers around the area to offer emotional support and counselling to the victims and affected families.

In this time of national grief, we encourage everyone with Isaiah 41:10 which reads, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

May God heal our Nation.

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