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## **PRESS STATEMENT ON SOME DISTURBING DEVELOPMENT AT LABORATORY DIVISION KOMFO ANOKYE TEACHING HOSPITAL**

The attention of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA) has been drawn to a very disturbing development at the Laboratory Division of the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) involving two of our members practicing as Clinical Haematologists.

The demands by the Ghana Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists (GAMBLs) KATH chapter to have these two Haematologists (Laboratory Physicians) who are currently at post at the Laboratory removed and further going on to threaten an industrial action if their demands are not acceded to by the hospital management is ill-informed and completely unacceptable.

It is worthy to note that the employer has the sole prerogative to determine the duties and workspace of all its employees.

The GMA takes a serious view of the letter dated 18th May, 2021 by the GAMBLs associating itself with this illegality and threatening a nationwide strike if the demands of the Local Union are not met.

The GMA has every confidence in the management of KATH and its ability to resolve this impasse, create a conducive working environment for all its staff and ensure cohesion in the healthcare team.

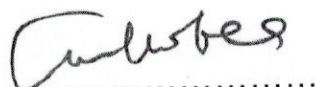
Nonetheless, we will not stand aloof while our members are threatened or harassed wherever they find themselves.

We hereby serve notice to the Ministry of Health, the management of KATH and all other stakeholders that the GMA will respond appropriately should this illegality on our members be acceded to.

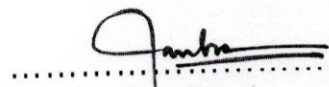
The GMA however assures the affected doctors and its members across the country that we will not condone any form of harassment of our members in their line of duty; and this will be fiercely resisted.

The GMA calls on all doctors and dentists in the public sector to stand by for further directives in this regard. This unfortunate situation when one Labour Union threatens the members of another should stop forthwith.

Long live GMA.



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