

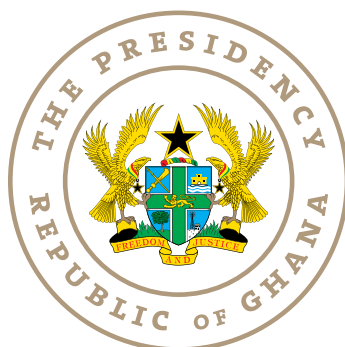


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IN HONOUR OF THE
DEPARTED EIGHT (8)



CELEBRATING
Our heroes



Today, we stand united as a nation to honour eight gallant sons of Ghana who gave their lives in the highest service to our country. They led from the front, serving with courage, integrity and an inspiring devotion to Ghana. Their loss is deeply felt, yet their example will guide us for generations to come.

May their portraits remain in our hearts as a lasting reminder of their loyalty, humility and love for Ghana. Though their voices are silent, their service still speaks, calling each of us to serve with the same selflessness and steadfast spirit. Ride on, gallant sons of Ghana – into eternity, where posterity shall remember you with pride.

1. Hon. Dr Edward Kofi Omane Boamah – Minister for Defence
 2. Hon. Dr Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed – Minister for Environment, Science and Technology; MP for Tamale Central
 3. Hon. Mohammed-Muniru Limuna – Acting Deputy National Security Coordinator
 4. Mr. Samuel Sarpong – Vice Chairman, National Democratic Congress
 5. Samuel Aboagye – Deputy Director-General, NADMO
 6. Sqn. Ldr. Peter Baafemi Anala – Ghana Armed Forces
 7. F/O Manaen Twum Ampadu – Ghana Armed Forces
 8. Sgt Ernest Addo Mensah – Ghana Armed Forces
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ORDER OF SERVICE

PART I - PRE-BURIAL SERVICE

Arrival of Mourners and Families.

Arrival of National Chief Imam, Muslim Clerics & Christian Clergy

7.30 am: Quranic Recitations

8.00 am: Reading of tributes

NADMO

National Security Council Secretariat

Ghana Armed Forces

Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology

National Democratic Congress

b. Families

Arrival of Service Chiefs & the Chief of Defence Staff

8.30 am: Arrival of His Lordship Paul Baffoe Bonnie, Acting Chief Justice

Arrival of Rt. Hon. Alban S. K. Bagbin, Speaker of Parliament.

8.50 am: Arrival of H.E. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, Vice President of the Republic.

9.00 am: Arrival of H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana.

National Anthem.

PART II: INTERFAITH BURIAL SERVICE

1.	Opening Sentences	-	Director General of Religious Affairs & Acting Chief Imam
2.	Hymn 1 (CHB 305)	-	Hark! Hark, My Soul!
3.	Opening Prayer	-	Christian and Muslim
4.	Patriotic Song	-	Tema Youth Choir
5.	Biographies	-	Family Representatives
6.	Musical Interlude	-	Ghana Armed Forces Band
7.	Tributes		
	a. Widows		
	b. Children		
	c. Chief of Defence Staff		
	d. Speaker of Parliament		
	e. Vice President		
8.	Quran Reading	-	Quran 41 vrs 30:33
9.	Islamic Exhortation & Prayer	-	Major M. Alhassan, Acting Chief Imam of the GAF.
10.	Islamic music/ recitation	-	
11.	Scripture Reading	-	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
12.	Hymn 2 (MHB 428)	-	I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath
13.	Sermon	-	Aps Brigadier General Kumi-Woode, Director General of Religious Affairs
14.	Hymn 3 (CHB 245)	-	How sweet the name of Jesus sound
15.	Prayer for the Families	-	
16.	Address by the President	-	
17.	Announcements	-	
18.	Final Commendation	-	
19.	Du'a	-	
20.	Closing Hymn (CHB 259)	-	What a friend we have in Jesus
20.	Prayer & Benediction	-	Muslim and Christian
21.	Departure	-	Bearer party

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B I O G R A P H Y O F

DR. EDWARD KOFI OMANE BOAMAH

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day” 2 Timothy 4:7

Early Life and Christian Foundation

Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah was born on December 26, 1975, at Nkawkaw Holy Family Hospital to the late Mr. Edward Kwame Omane and Madam Leticia Asante (Sister Abena), who hailed from Koforidua Effiduase and Kwahu Obomeng, respectively.

He was baptised at St. George’s Catholic Church in Koforidua and raised in a devout Catholic home in discipline, humility, godliness, and a profound commitment to service. These enduring values shaped his life. From a young age, he was an active member of his faith community. He spent much of his childhood immersed in life at the parish. He served as an altar boy and was a dedicated member — and later President of the Knights of St. John Cadet Corps in the Koforidua Chapter.

Additionally, he was involved with the Boy Scouts, reflecting his early passion for spirituality, service and leadership.

Education

Dr. Omane Boamah attended Koforidua Experimental Basic School and later studied at Pope John Senior High School and Junior Seminary from 1989 to 1996.

He served as Secretary of the School Representative Council (SRC) during the 1995/96 academic year. In this role, he was involved in changes to the fee payment structure and efforts to improve student living conditions.





While in school, he excelled in Biology. After his A-Levels, he did National Service teaching Biology at Benkum Senior High School before continuing to higher education.

Dr. Omane Boamah earned his medical degree from the University of Ghana in March 2006. During this period, he pursued an additional clinical elective at the Washington University School of Medicine.

He later completed a Master's in Health Policy, Planning, and Financing at the London School of Economics and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2018. Throughout his university journey, he was a steadfast advocate for student rights and quality education.

He served as the President of the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS). He was elected in 2002. In this role, he was instrumental in holding the government accountable; notably, urging compliance with the provisions of the GETFund Act and ensuring adequate funding for education in Ghana to the benefit of students. During this time, he also published his first book, GETFUND: A NUGS President's Account.

He was also the Coordinating Secretary of the Federation of Ghana Medical Students Association (FGMSA).

Significantly, Dr. Omane Boamah, as a medical student, volunteered in emergency medical rescue operations following the tragic May 9, 2001 Accra



Sports Stadium disaster, providing aid in a time of national grief.

His volunteer spirit also led him to support the Expanded Programme on Immunisation in the Asuogyaman District in 2004, underscoring his deep commitment to the wellbeing of people.

Marriage to Rita Adubea Offei

Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah married his beautiful, intelligent, hardworking and virtuous sweetheart, Rita Adubea Offei on 2nd September, 2006. Dr. Omane Boamah chose Rita's birthday as their wedding day to honour his adorable wife as he remarked during his memorable wedding reception.

Mrs. Rita Omane Boamah is a Chartered Accountant and Development Finance Professional. The two were inseparable and most compatible. He was an exceptionally loving, committed and caring husband. The admirable couple cherished Christian family values and raised their children in the lord. God blessed Kofi and Rita with three children: Akua, Ama and Yaw.

Medical Practice and Humanitarian Service

Upon completion of his medical training in March 2006, Dr. Omane Boamah embarked on a promising medical career. He served with distinction at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Bob Freeman Clinic, and the 37 Military Hospital from 2006 to 2008.





Early in his medical practice, his natural leadership qualities were further highlighted when he was elected President of the Junior Doctors' Association in 2006 - a continuation of the commitment to serve and lead.

When he began his postgraduate studies in Medical Physiology, Dr. Omane Boamah heeded to a higher calling to public service when he was appointed Deputy Minister of Environment, Science and Technology in 2009 to serve the nation.

His medical training was also helpful when, as Minister responsible for Communications and Information, he played a pivotal role in Ghana's preparation and response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, demonstrating his dedication to safeguarding public health in times of crisis.

He returned to medical practice at Afram International Hospital in 2017, continuing to bring healing and hope to his patients. Throughout his career as medical practitioner, he showed compassion, dedication to save lives and support for vulnerable people in diverse ways, with many attesting to the lives he touched, and the help he rendered.

Political Career and Public Service

Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah was nurtured for leadership first as a student leader when he was elected NUGS President, then as Spokesperson for Junior Doctors and subsequently through activism as a leading member of the Committee for Joint Action (CJA) and member of the Free Tsatsu Movement.

Deputy Minister Roles (2009–2013):

President John Evans Atta-Mills of blessed memory, appointed Dr. Omane Boamah to serve as Deputy Minister for Environment, Science, and Technology from 2009 to 2012.

He was efficient, dynamic and quickly made a mark.

He worked with his Minister to roll out the then flagship Mathematics, Science and Technology Scholarship Scheme (MASTESS) which benefited some 41,000 students. They also implemented the Free Laptops Initiative for Students and Teachers.

Dr. Omane Boamah led investigations into environmental contamination incidents — he was chairman of the Investigative Committee on the Spillage of Sodium Cyanide in a water body in Kenyase, Ghana, by Newmont Ghana Gold Limited in 2010.

Then in 2011, he was again tasked to chair the Investigative Committee on the Spillage of Low Toxicity Oil Based Mud (LTBM) by KOSMOS Energy in the Jubilee Offshore Field, West Cape Three Points in Ghana. Additionally, he spearheaded a national tree-planting campaign against deforestation.

He subsequently served as Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports (2012–2013), coordinating Ghana's participation in the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations.

Minister of Communications & Presidential Spokesperson (2013–2017):

Appointed by President John Mahama in February 2013, Dr. Omane Boamah led the Ministry of Communications, launching pivotal initiatives such as Ghana's 4G LTE rollout (GOTA) for the security services, the formation of the National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT GH), and a Child Online Protection Framework. As Communications Minister, he assisted President Mahama to construct Ghana's first National Data Centre, he is credited for the Eastern Corridor Fibre Optic Backbone Infrastructure and he supervised Ghana's rapid nationwide mobile penetration.

From 2014 to 2017, he also served as Presidential Spokesperson after President Mahama merged the Communications and Information Ministries.

International Footprints

Dr. Omane Boamah served as Vice Chairman of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) from 2009 to 2011.

He led the Government of Ghana's delegation to the negotiations at the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Cancun- Mexico in 2010.

As Communications Minister, he dutifully represented Ghana at Cybersecurity Conferences and Meetings in Asia, South America and Europe between 2013 and 2016. Dr. Omane Boamah was a member of Ghana's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly Meetings in New York- U.S.A. in 2015 and 2016.

His contributions at the Conference on the Swine Flu Global Pandemic: Washington DC - U.S.A., in August, 2009 was most impressive.

Other Positions held

Dr. Omane Boamah served as Policy Advisor and Political Strategist to President John Dramani Mahama from 2017 to 2024 when the NDC was in opposition. From 2013 to 2017, he chaired the Governing Board of the Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communication (GIFEC).

He was a Board Member of the Ghana AIDS Commission from 2014 to January 2017.

NDC Director of Elections and IT

Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah was the first person to hold the combined position of Director of Elections and IT in 2024.

He excelled at it introducing a raft of reforms including a novel examination requirement for NDC Polling Agents, putting together a Manual on Elections and establishing a robust electoral collation system.

His initiatives and remarkable leadership ensured that the NDC went into the 2024 elections fully prepared for victory.

Minister of Defence (2025)

In January 2025, President Mahama nominated Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah as Minister for Defence. He received unanimous approval and confirmation by Parliament.

In office, he prioritized military welfare; revealed GH¢3.79 billion in hidden defence debts; advocated for regional fairness in military recruitment; launched recruitment plans for 12,000 new troops; and secured a €50 million EU-financed security support package.

As Defence Minister, he waged a credible, uncompromising and decisive campaign against Galamsey ensuring that military deployments achieved their objectives. A considerable number of forests were liberated from the Galamsey scourge.

As Minister of Defence, he was a distinguished member of the National Security Council chaired by President John Mahama and the Ghana Armed Forces Council chaired by Vice President, Prof. Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang.

He was the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC).

He was also a member of the Ministerial Advisory Board of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Publications

Dr. Omane Boamah is the author of “GETFund: A NUGS President’s Account” - A book focused on advocacy in funding education in Ghana (2004);

He also authored the yet to be published: “Professor John Evans Atta Mills — A Peaceful Man in An African Democracy” — the book is currently under review for posthumous publication.

He led the publication of “Accounting to the People, Changing Lives Transforming Ghana” - A book focused on the achievements of the Mahama-led Government of Ghana from 2013 to 2015. He was co-editor of a W.H.O. Ghana sponsored Students’ newsletter focused on preventive health- “The Outreach.”

Tragic end and Legacy

On 6th August 2025, Dr. Omane Boamah died in a devastating Ghana Armed Forces Z 9 helicopter crash near Adansi Akrofuom, en route to Obuasi for an anti-illegal mining and responsible community mining event.

His tragic passing, along with seven other patriots: his colleague Cabinet Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed, Alhaji Muniru Mohammed, Dr. Samuel Sarpong, Samuel Aboagye, Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, Flying Officer Mane-Twum Ampadu, Sgt. Ernest Addo Mensah, plunged the nation into utter shock, unbearable grief and profound mourning.



He is fondly remembered as a versatile statesman: a physician, devout Catholic, policymaker, environmental steward, communications expert, political strategist, and devoted public servant. His legacy endures in the institutions and reforms he shaped, and in the lives he touched through dedicated service, compassion and integrity.

He encompassed all that a man should be: a loving husband, a caring father, a true patriot, a selfless Comrade, a loyal brother, and a trusted friend.

He was visionary, a thinker, problem-solver, resourceful, diligent, forthright, generous, a strategist, honest in all his dealings, a leader par excellence, and an extraordinary mentor to many young activists.

His golden legacy will live on.

We are in tears, broken and shattered but we can take solace in the promise in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17:

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.”

Rest in the bosom of the Lord, Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah.

TO MY DEAR HUSBAND, KOFI B!

TRIBUTE BY MRS. RITA OMANE BOAMAH

*It is well, it is well
With my soul, with my soul,
It is well, it is well
With my soul.*

Kofi B! as I affectionately called you! We were destined to be together! Though I was not a medical student, fate brought us together on that fateful day, when I boarded the medical school bus.

Our friendship started and was nothing short of love and adventures. Our night walks from my home to buy kenkey and fish and vice versa.



“In our years of marriage, you always asked “Abena Rita, what will you do when I am not around” I never answered you and till today I don’t have an answer.”

I always looked forward to visiting you in school so we would embark on our walk to buy kenkey and fish. Thus buying and eating kenkey together became our hallmark.

I have no doubt you would be a loving and perfect father of our children.

In fact, I saw a father in you because you were the exact replica of my father. You also confirmed that when you met my dad the first time. You knew that you had a partner for life.

You were truly God sent.

Your commitment and love was such that when you proposed we got married on my birthday and we have always had a double celebration on my birthdays and was hoping the same for this year too.

When we started having kids, you were nothing short of a wonderful father. You were a great source of hope to me and the children.

Despite your busy schedule as a Doctor and later in your political roles, you either bathed the children every morning or dressed them up while I bathed them.

You were their favourite teacher, because you knew all their syllabus back to back. You always had a strict time table for their studies but made room for play and adventures.

You were truly a family man, a definition of a genuine person with a pure heart of gold. In our years of marriage, you always asked “Abena Rita, what will you do when I am not around”. I never answered you and till today I don’t have an answer.

I will with God’s help take care of mummy and our three kids, knowing who you are, I believe you will be looking down on us to guide us through from the heavens.

Kofi B! Thank you for loving me, thank you for loving the children, thank you for loving my family and all who came to know you.

God be with you till we meet again. Rest in Power my love!



TRIBUTE TO OUR HERO

TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

Daddy,

We never imagined we would have to say goodbye so soon. You were more than a father to us. You were our safe place, our teacher, our greatest encourager, our friend and above all, our example of what it means to live with integrity, humility, and courage.

You taught us that success was not just about what we achieved, but about the lives we touched. You lived those words every single day; whether you were serving patients in the hospital, fighting for justice in the corridors of power, or laying on our beds after a long day at work for a quick talk which almost always ended

up with you asleep. Your love was steady, your guidance was gentle, and your laughter was the warmth that filled our home.

Daddy, even with the weight of national duties on your shoulders, you always made time for us. You called us every day when you travelled. You never missed our important moments and when you couldn't be there in person, you made us feel you were right beside us. You reminded us that family is not part of life, it is life. You taught us to dream big but stay grounded. You showed us that compassion is a strength, that speaking the truth is an obligation, and that service to others is the greatest clarion call.

We will miss writing with you, laughing with you, sitting with you whenever you had a lull in your schedule. We will miss talking about our future, hearing your advice, you driving us to school all the time- especially when we had exams.

Daddy why did you have to leave us so soon? Never in a million years could we have imagined you'd leave us. You lived your life like a race, always trying to do more, love more and share more. We really thought you'd live forever because your light was so bright it could never go out.

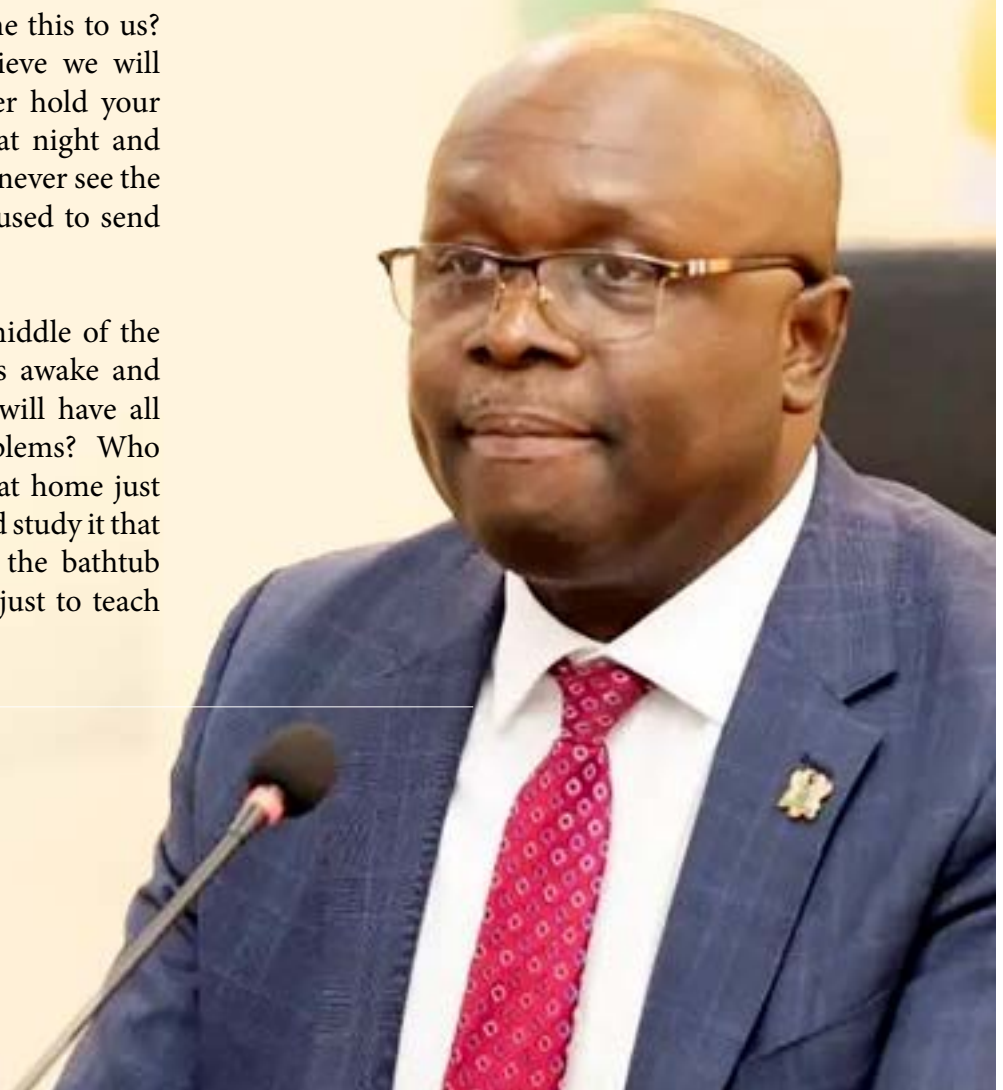
Omane, why have you done this to us? We absolutely cannot believe we will never see you again. Never hold your hand, never sit with you at night and talk, never laugh with you, never see the many stickers you always used to send us.

Who will we call in the middle of the night when no one else is awake and we have questions? Who will have all the answers to our problems? Who will conduct experiments at home just because you knew we would study it that year. Who else would fill the bathtub with our toys and objects just to teach us Archimedes' principles?

We have lost greatly, you are irreplaceable Edwardo. We are pained but even in our pain, we choose to hold onto your legacy and take consolation in the fact that you are resting in the bosom of our almighty God.

We will carry forward your values, live with your compassion, and let your light shine through us. Though you are gone from sight, you remain forever in our hearts our father, our friend, our hero.

Rest well, Edwardo. Your race is done, but your impact will never end.



TRIBUTE BY MADAM LETITIA ASANTE

MOTHER OF DR. KOFI OMANE BOAMAH

My Handsome King

From the moment I first held you in my arms on December 26th, 1975, at Nkawkaw Holy Family Hospital, I knew my life had changed forever. You were not just my child, you were my miracle, my answered prayer, my only son, and my treasure in whom I am pleased. I watched you grow from a curious little boy with bright eyes into a man of wisdom, compassion, and unshakable integrity. Every step you took, I was there quietly cheering, praying, and believing in the greatness God placed in you.

Kofi, you have always been my pride and joy. I have seen you face challenges with courage,

hold fast to your values even when it was not easy, and rise to serve others with humility. You never forgot the lessons I whispered into your heart: to walk with God, to speak the truth, and to stand for what is right.

Your deep love for God's work was admirable, always eager to be in the Parish and faithfully devoted to the Catholic faith. Though you could not

become a Roman Father, you still fulfilled your childhood dream of serving God and mankind faithfully. This was evident in your leadership roles from childhood until your very last breath.



As a mother, I gave you my all, my prayers, my strength and my sleepless nights yet you gave me far more in return. You gave me Honor. You gave me comfort. You gave me the assurance that my life's work in raising you was not in vain.

The world may call you Dr. Omane Boamah, but to me, you were still that little boy who would run into my arms and call me "Sister Abena" with so much love.

My heart overflows with gratitude to God for the privilege of being your mother. Dada Fii, tell God how grateful, lucky and privileged I feel that

He chose me to be your mom and I hope I made him proud. I would perform this task all over again without hesitation.

Sleep well, my son. Until we meet again in the presence of our Lord, you will remain forever in my heart.

I hold you with my whole entire heart My Kofi.

TRIBUTE BY

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The nation stands in solemn mourning as we bid farewell to an exceptional leader, a visionary and a dedicated patriot, the late Honourable Dr Edward Kofi Omane Boamah. His tragic passing, alongside seven others, in the helicopter crash of 6th August 2025, has left an irreplaceable void in the hearts of Ghanaians, the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) and the entire Ministry of Defence.

Dr Omane Boamah assumed office at the Ministry on 30th January 2025. His tenure as Minister for Defence, though brief, was marked by transformative leadership, innovation and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

His vision was “To have a modernised and expanded GAF, responsive to the needs of the Country, with highly motivated and happier troops, as well as committed Defence Civilian Staff, for nation building,” this was not just a statement but a mission he pursued with relentless passion.

As a leader par excellence, he believed in collective responsibility,

ensuring that every decision, whether administrative, operational or logistical, was made with the full involvement of his management team. His respect for transparency, due process and legal compliance set a standard for governance that will endure as part of his legacy.

Under his leadership, the Ghana Armed Forces was set on a path to becoming a key player in national socio-economic development. As part of the RESET GHANA AGENDA, he championed the President’s directive to revitalise the Defence Industries Holding Company Limited (DIHOC), envisioning its expansion into a Defence Industrial Development Corporation with private sector integration.

His dream was for DIHOC to spearhead Ghana’s industrial revolution, ensuring self-sufficiency in military production and reducing dependency on imports. Tragically, he was to receive the expert report on this transformative agenda just days after his untimely demise.



Dr Omane Boamah was a leader who empowered those around him. He entrusted his Deputy Minister with significant responsibilities, fostering teamwork and shared purpose.

His support for government initiatives such as the Feed Ghana Programme, 24-Hour Economy and the fight against illegal mining demonstrated his deep commitment to national progress. He directed military units to engage in farming to reduce food expenditure, a testament to his practical and innovative approach to problem-solving.

A medical doctor by profession, he brought his expertise to bear on improving healthcare delivery within the Armed Forces, addressing systemic challenges with precision and care. His problem-solving approach was exemplary. He demanded not just problems but solutions, encouraging critical thinking and accountability at all levels.

Above all, Honourable Omane Boamah was a leader who cared deeply for people.

He made time for everyone from the senior commanders, officers, soldiers through to the civilian staff alike.

His humility, approachability and dedication earned him the admiration and respect of all who worked with him.

As we mourn his passing, though shocked, we take solace in the indelible mark he left on Ghana's defence architecture and the lives he touched. His legacy will live on in the modernised Armed Forces he envisioned, the policies he championed and the lives he inspired. He was a good man with a kind heart. A leader we will greatly miss.

To his family, the Ghana Armed Forces and the nation at large, we extend our deepest condolences. May his soul and the souls of the seven others who perished with him, rest in perfect peace.

Farewell, Our Honourable Minister. Your Service was Exemplary, Your Vision Transformative and Your Memory Eternal.

TRIBUTE BY

HON. ERNEST BROGYA GENFI

My Dear Mentor,

Receiving news of the tragedy that claimed your life was the hardest moment of mine. Words cannot capture the depth of my shock, the agitation of my spirit, and the helplessness that has stilled my body.

Until now, I held onto hope that—just as the news came suddenly—I would be met with a pleasant surprise that you had escaped this misfortune. Yet with each passing moment, my hope dissolves into tears, and my optimism fades with every drop.

Until the morning of 6th August 2025, you held all, or at least most, of the answers to the questions that agitated my mind. On strategy, the state of our nation's defence, elections, and the future we must build—you welcomed all my curiosities with patience and wisdom.

Now, I am left with even more questions than ever. But the one who once answered them is gone. I wonder if they will ever be answered, or if they will simply echo in the silence you've left behind—with each new thought a

knock at a door that will never again open to me.

You were not just my boss. You were my role model and my mentor. From the very first time I encountered you years ago, I was struck by the quality of thought you expressed, the depth of industry that flowed from every word you spoke, and the aura and grace you carried into every public appearance. These qualities shaped my view of what an ideal leader should look like, act like, and speak like.

To work as your deputy was nothing short of a dream come true. I still recall, as if it were yesterday, more than 12 years ago on the 30th of January 2013, when I uttered the words that would prove prophetic—that one day, I would love to serve as your deputy and learn under your tutelage. I am in pain, Boss. Deep pain. Forced to confront the cruel truth that the dream of working with you endured longer than the reality.

You were a committed Catholic who never wavered in your conviction that no human endeavor stands without the hand of God.



You believed it is God who lifts women and men.

You believed it was God who orchestrated every moment—including the time I was assigned as your deputy. You held me close, and in trust, offered me opportunities and deliberately delegated responsibilities that gave me the vantage of a principal, even while I remained your subordinate—just so I could build experience and sharpen my skills.

Boss, it is so difficult to accept that you are no more. How does one make peace with the thought that his friend, brother, mentor, and role model is in a better place, when there was no prior arrangement, no whisper of farewell—only a sudden departure, a sudden flight, and an aching void where your voice used to be?

Oh Boss, it is true that you lived fully—with cheer and cordiality toward all you encountered. You were excellent and unwavering in your commitment to our nation. You poured yourself wholly into your work, giving your best in every

season, and leaving a legacy that will outlive the span of your years. Though tragedy has cut your journey short, you spent it entirely in the line of duty—faithful to the very end.

Am I to accept that your presence and wise counsel can be traded for comfort in the greatness of your legacy, as tragedy has compelled me to? Tell me.

This tragedy has tested me. Yet I am left with gratitude for having shared a piece of the gift of your life. I am left with hope in the promise of the resurrection.

You gave your life to Ghana, and I strongly believe Ghana will never forget. Your legacy is etched in the fabric of our nation's defence, and in the hearts of those you mentored. I will honor you not only in grief, but in duty. You showed me the way but left me lonely on the way at a time I least expected.

Rest well, Mentor. Your mission is complete.
Boss, Kafra! Due ne Amanehunu! Amen.

TRIBUTE BY NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS

From his earliest days as a fearless student leader as NUGS President, his leadership was already evident. Dr. Omane Boamah's life was defined by courage, intellect, and unyielding dedication to justice.

He stood up to the NPP government when they withheld GETFund payments, taking the matter to the then-Minority Leader, Rt. Hon. A.S.K. Bagbin, and pursuing it with relentless vigour. For this, he became a thorn in the side of his political opponents, enduring hostility and pressure with unflinching resolve.

Drawn closer to the NDC's cause, he joined forces with the likes of Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa and Bernard Mornah, transforming the Committee for Joint Action (CJA) into a formidable voice for the masses, a living nightmare for the NPP government of the day.

He was one of those brave young activists who personally went to printing houses to monitor the ballot printing process during elections, ensuring the sanctity of the vote. As part of a vibrant youth wing, they regularly met in the late President Mills' office at Kuku Hill, where strategies were shaped and the future of the Party was charted.

Dr. Omane Boamah's service to Ghana spanned several high-profile roles. Between 2009 and 2012,

he served as Deputy Minister for Environment, Science and Technology under the late President John Evans Atta Mills.

From 2013 to 2016, during the first term of President John Dramani Mahama, he served as Minister for Communication and Presidential Spokesperson, delivering his duties with clarity, precision, and professionalism. Upon the return of President Mahama to the presidency after the groundbreaking and emphatic victory of the NDC, he was appointed Minister for Defence, a position he held with candour, grace, and integrity until the tragic event of 6th August 2025, in line with duty.

As Director of Elections, he brought unmatched dynamism to the organisation of campaigns, training of polling agents, and election monitoring. He mobilised resources, prepared the Party's grassroots with military precision, and oversaw the work of the Electoral Commission with the vigilance of an eagle.

Brilliant, strategic, and utterly fearless, Dr. Omane Boamah was more than a political strategist, he was a fighter for democracy, a compassionate human being, a man generous in spirit and quick to lend a helping hand. His rare blend of intellect, empathy, and resilience made him a treasure to our Party and nation.

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. IBRAHIM MURTALA MUHAMMED (MP)

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed (December 14, 1974 – August 6, 2025) was a prominent Ghanaian politician and public servant known for his competence and dedication. He served as the Member of Parliament for the Tamale Central Constituency and held various ministerial positions.

Education:

He began his education at St. Peter's Primary School (Kulikuli School) in Tamale and continued at Ghana Senior High (GHANASCO). He was a trained teacher with a Teacher's Certificate A from Tamale College of Education (TACE). His academic achievements also included a Master's degree in Development Planning from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, a Master's in International Relations and Diplomacy from the University of Ghana, and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Ghana.

Political and Professional Career:

Early Career: He served as the General Secretary of the All-African Students Union (AASU) in 1999, focusing on educational reforms and youth engagement.

In 2009, he was appointed Deputy National Coordinator of the National Youth Employment Programme (NYEP).

Member of Parliament: He was first elected as MP for the Nanton Constituency in 2012, serving in the sixth Parliament of the Fourth Republic of Ghana. After a loss in 2016, he successfully contested and won the seat for the Tamale Central Constituency in 2020.





He was re-elected to this position in the 2024 elections.

Ministerial Roles:

Under the John Mahama government, he was appointed Deputy Minister for Information and Media Relations (2013-2017) and subsequently Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry. In February 2025, he became the Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation.

Key Achievements in Tamale Central:

During his time as MP for Tamale Central, Hon. Dr. Murtala Muhammed was credited with numerous projects, including:

Education: Renovating schools, providing free classes and supplies for students, establishing a tertiary education support fund, and introducing a mobile library.

Healthcare: Awarding scholarships for medical students, providing medical equipment, and constructing three health facilities.

Infrastructure: Developing inner-city roads in areas like Changli and Gumbihini, and drilling 80 mechanized boreholes.

Community Development: Securing hundreds of jobs for constituents, providing financial support for women entrepreneurs, and facilitating the construction of an artificial turf field.



TO MY BELOVED HUSBAND

TRIBUTE BY WIFE OF DR. MURTALA MOHAMMED

In the name of Allah, Most
Gracious, Most Merciful.

God is Great, God is Great, God is
Great

Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher
and the Sustainer of the World's.

“To Allah We belong, and to Him is
our return”

Today, we gather with heavy hearts
to honor the life of a man whose
presence was a gift to all who knew
him: my beloved husband, Dr.
Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed

For almost a decade, I had the
privilege of walking through life
by his side. Together, we raised our
beautiful children, and in every step
of that journey, he showed me and
everyone around him what it means
to be kind, patient, and full of love.

Mohamed was more than a
husband and father; he was a
man of deep faith. God-fearing
and humble, he lived his life with
integrity, always choosing the right
path, even when it was not the
easy one. He was trustworthy and
dependable, the kind of person you
could call at any hour, knowing he
would answer.

“I remember once, an incident on
the road. Of course, he was the first
person I called. He picked up right
away, and I told him my situation,
expecting him to come rushing to
my rescue. He listened patiently,
sympathised, and then said, “Ah...
my dear, the president has called
me.”

In that moment, I realised I wasn't
just sharing my husband with
friends, family, or the community. I
was sharing him with the President
of Ghana as well!!



That was Mohammed, always in demand, always important to someone, but still finding the time to care for his family.

His daughters would comb his hair or perhaps I should say his head.. because he had no hair to comb. He loved to play horse with the children, these were the moments I smiled because then he was not wearing the hat of a Minister of State but that of a dad.

He had a wonderful sense of humor that could light up a room, and a heart that was always ready to help. More often than not, he put others before himself. Hard-working and determined, he gave his best in everything he did, not for recognition, but because it was in his nature to serve and to care.

Mohammed's life was a blessing to us, and his memory will forever be a treasure. He has left us far too soon, but his love, his laughter, and his example will live on in our children, in our hearts, and in the countless lives he touched.

Rest well, my husband. May Allah grant you Jannatul Firdaus and surround you with eternal peace. We love you, we miss you, and we will carry your light with us always. Inshah Allah

"Daddy we love and miss you so much ".
Forever in our heart,

Hadiatu..





TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR BROTHER

TRIBUTE BY SIBLINGS

You can't bring to the table in one tribute all there is to a man like this, a brother like that, a loving father like Dr. Murtala Muhammad.

As a family, we can only try the best way we know how in dealing with grief: prayers.

As a family, we are broken; and for some of us, that grief will linger forever.

While we grieve, we pray. And while we pray, we immortalize his presence in our hearts.

Because that is the only way we can appreciate and pay back the immense love he showed us. From now on, that's how we manifest our love and loyalty to him.

As a family, we have to be

strong, because there is no other way; and we are patient, for there is no other choice.

Allah's ways are not our ways. While we love him, Allah loves him more. So, he gave him a good demise, however horrified we feel about it.

Therefore, as a family with a history soaked in deep Islamic Faith, we are consoled that he died serving country and his people, fighting a jihad in the true sense of the word; so that tomorrow would be better.

At the personal level, I had this rather strange feeling that I would go before him. Maybe, it was a wish. Maybe, I felt his strong character was well fitted for a world with no regard for meekness.

Dr. Murtala loved the public. So, he chose to serve with passion, from teaching to politics. We've heard and read the outpouring of kind words from friends and foes. And there can be no better testimony about a man than those. Because they pale even the best written eulogies into insignificance.

So, I read a comment on Facebook just yesterday: "Comrade Murtala was a formidable opponent. He was well researched." Let those honest, sincere testimonies ring in hearts forever. Let those prayers be a solid foundation to immortalize him. His selflessness and commitment to service took him into politics because he felt that there was so much to do and politics was the vehicle. And so he was committed and loyal to that vehicle, the Great NDC party.

And thankfully, he was lucky enough to be blessed to have a family and loved ones who did make him choose one over the other. May God! He gave each their due.

So, in bidding farewell to the hinge on which our family turns, a stalwart of the NDC at both Regional and National levels, a symbol of integrity and honesty in our politics, here are two stanzas titled IF WE CRY:

If we cry, we don't because his demise happened
If we cry, we do because it happened now
If we cry, it is not because Allah fulfilled his divine decree upon his life;

It is because we will carry the weight of the loss in our hearts till eternity

If we cry, it is a reminder, that we are human
If we cry, let that remind you of the fragility of men

If we cry, it is a testament that we are emotional beings

If we cry, that means our hearts aren't clay
And if we cry, we cry because he had left so much to do undone

And if we cry, it is because he has beaten us to the first position in the final journey of life. So, let's always pray for Mualim Dr. Murtala Muhammad.

He would have done that for anyone on a day like this, at a time like this. We believe without doubt that he's smiling at us.

Rest In Peace, Bro.



TRIBUTE BY MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AND ITS SECTOR AGENCIES

It is with profound grief and heavy hearts that the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology and its sector agencies mourn the sudden and tragic loss of our beloved Honourable Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed (MP). We join the nation today in mourning the demise of an astute politician, a scholar and an activist for sustainable environmental management, science and technology.

At midday, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, Management received with shock and disbelief news of the passing of our beloved Hon. Minister together with the Defence Minister and six others in a military helicopter crash while on national assignment. This tragedy has robbed the Ministry of a leader, a development enthusiast, and a father.

Hon. Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed assumed duty in February 2025 with a vision to build a robust and

sustainable environmental management, scientific research and technology ecosystem.

The Hon. Minister was passionate about policy development. Within the first half of the year, 2025, he personally saw to the development and completion of key policy documents such as the review of the National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Implementation of the Adoption of Electric Vehicle Initiative among others that have received Cabinet approval.

He was a passionate advocate for sustainable environmental development, science, and technology and at the least opportunity whether with development partners, civil society organisations, traditional leaders, religious groups, or others, he made a strong case for these areas as pillars of sustainable national development for our dear nation. His aspiration for a greener future for generations unborn inspired his “One Child, One Tree” project, launched on the

World Environment Day celebrations held in June 2025 which aims to foster environmental awareness, particularly among children and the public to see tree planting as a moral duty and a responsibility. He was instrumental in shaping policies on climate change adaptation and mitigation, plastics waste reduction, biodiversity conservation and responsible natural resource management.

He advocated for stronger inter-ministerial and agency collaboration to address Ghana's environmental challenges. Even in death, he reminds us of the need for government institutions to collaborate with one another, as well as with other partners and stakeholders. To him, this was essential if we were to promote environmental stewardship and achieve sustainable development.

Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed was more than a Minister; he was a great mentor whose influence extended far beyond his official duties, leading and inspiring staff through the various collaborations he forged with key partners in the sector.

Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed had an open-door policy, receiving everyone from high-ranking officials to ordinary citizens with the same warmth and respect. He would often say with a smile, "I don't have a door."

His demise is a tremendous loss to MEST, Ghana, and the African continent, particularly in the area of Environment, Science, and Technology leadership. At the recent July 2025 Africa Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Nairobi, his strong

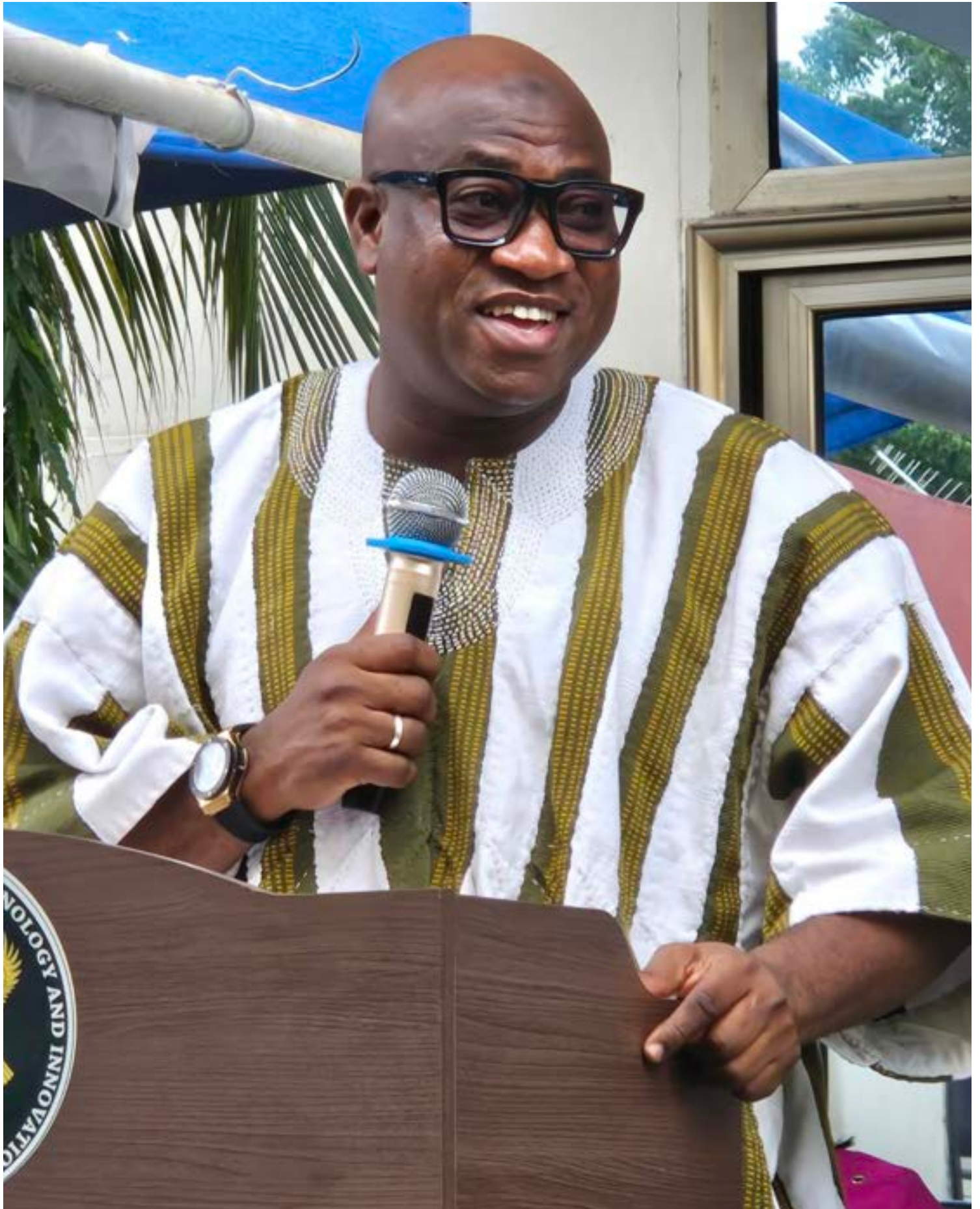
voice for environmental sustainability earned him widespread admiration and led to his election to the AMCEN Bureau. He was also set to lead the Africa Group of Negotiators' ministerial participation at the ongoing Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee meeting in Geneva.

As we mourn this irreplaceable loss, we must also honour Dr. Muhammed's memory by continuing the work he began. His vision for a more sustainable, technologically advanced Ghana must not perish with him. We owe it to his memory and to the seven other souls who perished alongside him, to carry forward the programmes and initiatives he championed.

Our deepest condolences go to the bereaved family and the entire nation, especially the people of Tamale Central whom he so faithfully represented in Parliament. The Ministry stands with you in this moment of sorrow, united in honouring the life and legacy of this remarkable statesman.

May the soul of Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed rest in eternal peace, and may his family, friends, and colleagues find solace in knowing that he died as he lived in dedicated service to his beloved Ghana. We take comfort in the words of the Qur'an (2:156): "Indeed, we belong to Allah, and to Allah we shall return."

May Allah grant him Jannatul Firduaz



BIOGRAPHY OF

HON. MOHAMMED- MUNIRU LIMUNA

ACTING DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY COORDINATOR

Hon. Mohammed-Muniru Limuna was a distinguished Ghanaian public servant, statesman, and administrator whose life was characterized by duty, humility, philanthropy, and an unwavering dedication to the worship of Allah, national service and human development. Born on 8th August 1967 in Wa, in the Upper East region of Ghana, to Alhaji Langa Limuna and Hajia Hawa Soale, he was the second of six children. His life journey exemplified perseverance, leadership, and excellence in public administration, political governance and community service.

From a modest beginning at United Primary School in Tamale (1972–1977), he pursued his education with relentless commitment. He obtained his Junior Secondary School Certificate from Vitting Experimental Junior Secondary School (1977–1980), followed by GCE Ordinary Level certification at Damongo Secondary School (1980–1984). He continued to Tamale Secondary School (1986–1988) for his GCE Advanced Level before enrolling at the University of Ghana, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (1990–1993). Driven by a passion for public service and good governance, he further acquired a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) in April 2005. His pursuit of higher learning took him abroad, where he earned an MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from the University of London's London School of Economics (2006–2007) and a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (2007–2008).



With over 28 years of cumulative public service experience—13 of which were at the highest levels of administration and leadership—Hon. Limuna played vital roles in transforming public institutions and promoting inclusive development. As Minister for Food and Agriculture (January 2016 – January 2017), he led strategic reforms to boost food security and agricultural modernization and laid the foundations for the current Ghana Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (GIRSAL) in partnership with the Bank of Ghana. He also spearheaded conceptualization of the Farm Service Centers concept to provide mechanization, credit, extension services, and market access to farmers. While this could not be accomplished before the erstwhile NDC government lost power in 2016, it found its way into the NDC's manifestos, subsequently becoming a pivotal policy in the current Presidency of President Mahama for the transformation of the Agricultural sector.

Between 1995 and 1996, he served as the Organising Secretary of the National Service Personnel Association, demonstrating early leadership and commitment to the development of young professionals. He later became the Campaign Coordinator for the National Democratic Congress (NDC) for the 2016 elections in the Northern Region, and has since served as a member of the Council of Elders of the NDC party in the Savannah Region. His earlier tenure as Northern Regional Minister (2014–2016) and Upper East Regional Minister (2013–2014) was equally transformative. As Chairman of the respective Regional Security Councils, he led peace-building initiatives that resolved long-standing ethnic and chieftaincy conflicts in areas such as Nankpanduri, Bawku, and the Builsa traditional area. His leadership culminated in the historic 2014 Damba festival between the Andani and Abudu royal gates in Yendi, marking a significant step in the Dagbon peace process. He also supervised the construction of six traditional

homes as part of that roadmap to peace and tackled social issues such as cybercrime in the region.

As Minister of State in Charge of Scholarships and Human Resource Development (2013–2014), Hon. Limuna spearheaded reforms in scholarship administration and was instrumental in the development of Ghana's national human resource policy. His contributions extended to the health sector, where he served in multiple roles, including as Administrator and Health Policy Adviser to the Minister of Health, Project Coordinator for the Health Insurance Project at the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA), and NHIS Focal Officer at the Ministry of Health's Policy Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Directorate. Notably, he played a lead role in the nationwide computerization of the NHIS and the establishment of District Mutual Health Insurance Schemes (DMHIS), which enhanced health coverage and efficiency across the country. His earlier administrative roles included serving as Assistant Director of Administration at both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Works and Housing. In these capacities, he helped manage resources, prepared strategic plans and budgets, and liaised with the Ministry of Finance and other stakeholders on contract and project execution.

Hon. Limuna's expertise extended beyond national borders. He represented Ghana at numerous international conferences and high-level policy forums, including the Pre-UN General Assembly Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance in London (2016), the China-Africa Local Government Cooperation Forum in Beijing (2015), and engagements organized by the World Bank, Harvard School of Public Health, UNIDO, and GIMPA. He also attended several professional development programs, including courses in project planning, public procurement, consultancy services, governance, and health financing.

A devout Muslim, Hon. Alhaji Limuna sponsored and facilitated the construction of dozens of mosques across the country and sponsored hundreds of Muslims to undertake the Hajj pilgrimage. Hewasalsoacommittedphilanthropist. Through the Tamawuta Foundation—which he established—he sponsored the education of many individuals at various levels, paid medical bills for the sick, provided potable water to underserved communities, and organized health screenings and treatments for countless people.

In the final chapter of his distinguished career, he assumed the position of Acting Deputy National Security Coordinator only a few weeks prior to his passing and was committed to diligently and faithfully executing his duties. Tragically, his dedicated service was cut short by his untimely passing on 6th August 2025.

He is fondly remembered as principled yet light-hearted, respected for his time consciousness, solution-oriented nature, and proactiveness in addressing the challenges facing the youth. He was instrumental in facilitating scholarships for higher education for many and mentored countless young people, particularly from the Northern part of Ghana. In his youthful years, he was a skilful and energetic dancer, earning the nickname “Kisco Darling.” He led and won many dancing competitions in Tamale and Damongo, forming some of his most enduring friendships during that vibrant period of his life.

A man of remarkable intellect, integrity, and empathy, Hon. Limuna was widely respected for his ability to blend policy knowledge with pragmatic leadership. His approach to governance was anchored in inclusiveness, conflict resolution, and sustainable development. He was not only a technocrat and public manager but also a statesman who prioritized the well-being of the most vulnerable, especially in rural communities.

Outside of his public roles, He was married to Hajia Zahara Ligbi. He was a devoted husband and a loving father to four children. Those who knew him personally speak of his humility, kindness, and deep sense of responsibility.

In Hon. Mohammed-Muniru Limuna, Ghana found a servant leader—one who served with vision, led with wisdom, and governed with heart. His legacy remains one of peace, reform, and transformation. His contributions will continue to inspire generations of public servants and leaders.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

TRIBUTE BY HAJIA ZAHARA LIGBI

**WIFE OF ALHAJI
MOHAMMED MUNIRU
LIMUNA**

My beloved husband,

For the twenty-eight years we walked this journey together, you were my partner in life, my confidant, my counsellor, and my truest friend. You were the person I could lean on in my weakest moments and the one I could laugh with in my happiest days. You gave me love that was constant and deep, and you made our home a place of warmth, love, mutual respect and faith.

I saw the man behind the public figure. I saw the discipline that guided your actions, the compassion that touched those around you, and the strength that carried not only our family but the responsibilities of a nation. You bore the demands of public service with patience, diligence and dignity, yet you never allowed that to overshadow the love and attention you gave to us at home.

Your gift was not only leadership, it was the ability to make family wherever you went. In every region of this country, your presence was felt and your absence will be deeply mourned. You opened our door and your heart, you sponsored education for those with promise, you settled disputes with calm wisdom, and you always stood beside the vulnerable when they had no one else. Because of you, our family grew beyond blood, stretching across the length and breadth of Ghana, held together by trust, gratitude and love.

You were a man of principle, yet you carried those

principles with humility. You inspired loyalty not because you demanded it, but because you earned it through your character. You touched lives in ways that cannot be counted, and your absence will leave a space that no one can fill.

I will miss your laughter in our home, your gentle reassurances in times of difficulty, and your quiet strength that made me feel safe no matter the storm. I will hold on to every memory, every lesson, and every blessing that our marriage brought me.

Rest well, my love. I will carry you in my heart for the rest of my days, and I thank Allah for the gift of twenty-eight years by your side. May Allah grant you Jannatul Firdaus and unite us again in His mercy.

OUR GREATEST SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN OF ALHAJI SANDAPEWURA MOHAMMED MUNIRU LIMUNA

Daddy,
You were more than a father to us. You were our teacher, our protector, and our greatest source of inspiration. You taught us that true strength is found in kindness, that leadership begins with listening, and that integrity is worth more than any treasure.

You carried your responsibilities with grace, never letting the weight of your work overshadow your role at home. Even when the nation called, you always made time for us, whether in laughter at the dinner table, words of wisdom before bed, or your quiet presence when we simply needed you nearby.

We watched you serve Ghana with the same love and dedication you gave to our family. You showed us that service is not just a duty but a calling, something you embraced with all your heart, no matter the sacrifice.

Your love for people extended far beyond our home. Through your kindness, generosity and open heart, you became a father to many. Because of you, we have brothers and sisters in every corner of this country, people bound to us not by blood but by the family you created through love, trust and respect.

You were a father, an uncle, a mentor and a guide to so many whose lives you touched.

You taught us to dream without fear, to believe in our abilities, and to hold fast to our values, even when the road is difficult. Today, we feel the deep pain of losing you, but we also feel the pride of being your children.

Your life was a light that guided us. Your love will continue to warm our hearts, and your legacy will forever inspire our paths.

We miss you, Daddy, but we promise to live in a way that honours your memory, by walking with humility, serving with courage, and loving without limits, just as you did.

With all our love, your devoted children,

Taiba Kanyiti Limuna
Umar Farouk Limuna
Ridwan Kasha Limuna
Hawa Wuriche Limuna

AN EULOGY FOR ALHAJI SANDAPEWURA MOHAMMED- MUNIRU LIMUNA

TRIBUTE FROM NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

Today, we gather to honour the life of Alhaji Sandapewura Mohammed Limuna Muniru, a scholar and statesman, whose humility, vision, and strength of character touched countless lives.

Born on August 8, 1967, in Damongo Langbonto, Savannah Region, Alhaji Muniru's early education in Tamale led him to the University of Ghana and later to the prestigious London School of Economics, where he earned a master's degree in Health Policy, Planning, and Financing. From his earliest days, his life was defined by diligence, intellect, and an unwavering commitment to service.

Throughout his distinguished career, spanning decades, he served in several capacities, including Northern and Upper East Regional Minister, Minister for Food and Agriculture, and most recently, Acting Deputy National Security Coordinator-Human Security. In every role, he demonstrated not just competence but devotion, serving with professionalism, tact, and pragmatism.

Alhaji Muniru was a strategic thinker who recognised that security in the modern age is not only about the strength of armed forces, but also about addressing the deeper challenges of human security. Long

before non-kinetic operations and human security became common terminology in Ghana's security and intelligence policies, he championed strategies rooted in prevention, dialogue, intelligence, social cohesion, socio-economic development, and strong institutions. His NGO, the Tamawuta Foundation, brought these ideals to life, providing water and livelihood support to deprived communities.

At the National Security Council Secretariat, he initiated the redesign of frameworks that integrated conflict prevention, socio-economic development, and strategic communication into national security and intelligence strategies. His vision was never to replace our armed forces, but to ensure they remained a means of last resort, with peace built on justice, trust, and the well-being of all Ghanaians.

Those who knew him will remember his patience and humility, matched with firmness of conviction. He blended effortlessly with both young and old, approachable to all and welcoming in spirit. Whether one was a colleague, a subordinate, or a stranger, he received you with respect and genuine interest.

Service to Ghana was never a burden to him; it was a calling he embraced with readiness, no matter the time, place, or challenge. To many, he was more than a public servant: he was a brother, a father, an uncle, a leader, and a friend. His passing is not just a loss to those of us who worked closely with him, but to the entire nation he loved and served to his last breath.

Today, as we mourn, we also commit to carrying forward his vision for a safer, more just, and resilient Ghana. May his legacy of humility, commitment, and service continue to inspire us. And may Almighty Allah grant his soul eternal rest.



B I O G R A P H Y O F

DR. SAMUEL SARPONG

VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC
CONGRESS

Job 14:1-2 – “Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.”

Dr. Samuel Sarpong, affectionately known as Sammy Tugar and Castro, was born on 7th November 1957 at Adadientem to Mr. Kwabena Mensah Sarpong (of blessed memory) and Mrs. Agnes Boakye Sarpong. From humble beginnings, he rose to become a distinguished public servant, politician, and community leader whose life was marked by service, courage, and resilience.

His early education took him through Adadientem, Besease R/C, Sefwi Wiawso, and finally Esease Middle School, where he completed his basic schooling. He proceeded to Osei Tutu Secondary School, then to Wesley College, where he trained as a teacher. He was a cross-country runner and a high jumper. Upon completion, he taught at Juaben Secondary School from 1981 to 1982 as a physical education teacher (P.E) and Asante Twi.

Dr. Sarpong’s leadership qualities quickly became evident, earning him the role of PDC Coordinator for the Ejisu/Juaben District. He coordinated the Programme of Action to Mitigate the Social Costs of Adjustment (PAMSCAD). His pursuit of higher learning and specialized knowledge led him abroad—first to Cuba, where he studied criminology, and later to Bulgaria for further studies.

His professional career was diverse and impactful. He served with the Special Branch (now BNI), the Ashanti Regional Investigation Committee (ASHRIC), which later became the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and subsequently







the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO). He also served as Acting Director of SFO for the Northern Sector, covering Ashanti, Bono Ahafo, Northern, Upper East, and Upper West regions.

In politics, Dr. Sarpong held numerous leadership roles, including Mayor of Kumasi (2009), Ashanti Regional Minister (2013), Central Regional Minister, and Parliamentary Candidate for Nyiaeso (NDC) in 2016. He also served as Director of the State Housing Corporation. In addition, he later obtained an Executive Master's Degree from GIMPA.

He is the Vice Chairman of the National Democratic Congress (NDC). His commitment to party development was evident in his instrumental role in building the NDC Party Office at Nyiaeso. He treated people equally

irrespective of their color, creed or political affiliation. He was a founding member of the NDC.

A respected traditional leader, Dr. Sarpong was enstooled as Nkosohene of Cape Coast. He was married to Mrs. Hannah Sarpong, and together they were blessed with five children; four boys and one girl.

On that fateful day, Dr. Sarpong's life of service and dedication was cut short when he became one of the eight gallant individuals who perished in a tragic helicopter crash at Sikaman - Brofoyedu in the Ashanti Region.

Dr. Samuel Sarpong's legacy is one of selfless leadership, unwavering patriotism, and a deep love for family, community, and country. His contributions will continue to inspire generations to come.

Damirifa Due!
Due ne Amanehunu!

TO MY DEAREST FRIEND

TRIBUTE BY WIFE OF DR. SAMUEL SARPONG

My beloved husband, my dearest friend, my steadfast pillar, it's with the heaviest of hearts that I share this tribute. I am still struggling to accept that you are truly gone. You were not just my husband. You were my partner in every sense of the word. You stood by me in love, in faith and under very extreme difficult circumstances, you challenged me to walk through the journey of life.

You were a man of strength, wisdom, and compassion for me and the family. I watched with admiration as you gave your all to your family, your people, and your country. But more than your public service, it was your love and devotion at home that made you truly extraordinary.

You made our home a place of peace, a kingdom of life and a home of happiness that breeds and reinforces the bond of family unity. You cared for us with such gracious love and led us with such a determined heart. You prayed with us, dreamed with us, and stood by us no matter the season.

I will forever cherish the quiet moments we shared, the dreams we built together, and the love we nurtured over the years.

Your absence is a deep wound in my heart, but your love is still my comfort.

I remember the call you put through to me in the early hours of that faithful and dark Wednesday, indicating that you were leaving for Obuasi on a national assignment.

You said it was a return journey. I am still looking forward to welcoming you back home, my dear husband.

Your departure was so sudden that I still cannot believe it. The news of your departure continues to cut through my very nerves, leaving a vacuum of unimaginable pain in my heart.

Oh, Sarpong Kumankuma, do hear my call and come back. Tell me, this news is not true.

The day is gloomy, the sun is gone, the weather is thick, darkness is falling, and the space is empty. Hear our voice, hear the voice of your beloved wife and children, my dear husband.

We can still hear the sound of your footsteps around the house, offering protection for the family.

Your presence represented hope, your words breed love, and your work produces joy and happiness. You run a good race, my husband. May the doors of heaven be open for you until we meet again.

Rest well, my dear husband.
Sarpong Kumankuma, nanti yie

Damirefa Due.

TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN OF DR. SAMUEL SARPONG

It is hard to put into words what you meant to us. You were more than a father. You were our hero, our role model, our anchor, our friend, and our greatest teacher.

You lived your life with purpose, dignity, and an unwavering sense of duty, not just to us, your children, but to your community and the nation, Ghana. We saw how tirelessly you worked, how passionately you served, and how deeply you loved everyone around you.

Your calm composure and respect for time at public events speak volumes about a man who saw public service as a call to duty.

At home, you were gentle, wise, and warm. Your laughter filled our hearts, and your words always pointed us in the right direction. You didn't just tell us how to live but also showed us the way, through your integrity, humility, and strength.

The news of your departure pierced us through the veins and bones with a sudden wave of shock that we still cannot accept. We cannot believe that you are leaving us at this stage. Though your unbelievable departure has left a void no one can ever fill, your legacy lives on in us. We carry your name with pride, your dreams in our hearts, and your lessons in our actions.

Your words of love and compassion shall forever remain fresh in our memories.

We believe in your vision, take inspiration from your fatherly advice and admire your character as a true father and ultimate provider. You did your best. You led us through challenging moments. You made the needed investment in us as your children.

Time was fast approaching for us to keep you away from work and make you stay home, and also reflect upon your youthful moments as we feed you. Yet, Daddy, you are running away into eternity. Daddy, why?

You never rested until this day. You set an enviable standard for Sarpong's family. Your footprints shall forever remain a pointer along which the family walks with admiration.

You ran your race with pride and honour. At this moment of grief and sorrow, may the angels of heaven open the doors for you until we meet again.

Daddy, you have paid your dues.
Rest well, Daddy.
Rest in peace.
Daddy, nanti yie
Damirefa Due.







B I O G R A P H Y O F

HON. SAMUEL ABOAGYE KWAKU ADU

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NADMO

It is often said that the hour of death cannot be foretold. Though we acknowledge this truth, we tend to believe that such a moment lies far ahead in time. Never did we imagine that today, we would be gathered here to remember and mourn our brother Hon. Samuel Aboagye, whose body we cannot identify.

Adu Kwaku, as the family calls him, was born on December 23, 1990, in Damongo, in the Savannah Region of Ghana. His parents are the late Mr. Jeremiah Kwabena Aboagye and Madam Ama Ajubi. The father was an Agric Extension officer at Damongo and later became a businessman upon his retirement and came home to Adansi-Patakoru. The Late Father was the Chief of Patakoru in the early '80s. He was the last child of his parents (Kakyere).

Early life

Hon. Samuel Aboagye started his primary school at the Damongo Cambridge Educational Complex. He joined his parents to return to Obuasi since his father had retired and was getting older. He continued his education at Bekwai, Victory International Complex, and wrote his BECE at St. Philip Catholic Int. School at Tutuka-Obuasi in 2006. He was enrolled at St. Margaret Senior High from 2007 to 2010 for his secondary education. He had his first degree from Accra Business School and proceeded to do his master's program in business administration between the years of 2020 and 2024.







Christian life

Adu was a Christian and member of the Church of Pentecost. He was baptized in water at Damongo in the year 2005. He prides himself as a member of the Church of Pentecost because the whole family attends the Church of Pentecost, of which his elder brother is a Pastor of the Church of Pentecost. His love for God and things in the church were admirable. He was someone who did not hide his Christian faith and was always ready to contribute his quota to the growth and development of his church.

Professional life

Hon. Samuel Aboagye was a promising young man full of business ideas. With the help of his family, he made his first business trip to Germany in 2013 and later to the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States of America (USA). During this period, he also served as a FIFA Licensed Agent, engaging in international sports management and building valuable global networks. He returned to Ghana in 2017 to serve his country and his hometown, Adansi, until the Black Wednesday of this tragic incident, which claimed his life. He was married to Abigail Salami and had two children, all girls.

Political life

Hon. Samuel Aboagye was the parliamentary candidate for the NDC, Obuasi East Constituency, in the 2020 elections. He was again the parliamentary candidate in the 2024 elections, which he won, but administrative errors on the side of the electoral commission wrongfully announced the win to his opponent, for which the case is pending in the law court. The president, John Dramani Mahama, then appointed him as the Deputy Director General of NADMO. It was in this capacity, serving his people and his country, that he got involved in this tragic helicopter crash.

Transition to glory

On the morning of Wednesday, 6th August

2025, news broke out in the social media about a helicopter crash; little did we know that our brother was part of the people who were on the plane. The news sends shockwaves through the family and friends; even now, it remains difficult to accept that our son, brother, and friend is no more with us. The family investment in our brother has gone to waste. Why so soon, Sammy? We take comfort in the Lord that death is not the end; it is but a brief rest for those who walk with the Lord. Indeed, his passing is a profound loss to the family, the church, and the community.

Adu Kwaku hmmmmm!

May His soul Rest In Perfect Peace.

Damirifa due Brother



TRIBUTE BY WIFE OF MR. SAMUEL ABOAGYE

My Love,

No words could ever capture the depth of my pain and the weight of this loss. Your passing has left an emptiness nothing in this world could ever fill. Yet even through the tears, I choose to remember the incredible man you were and the love we so deeply shared.

From the moment you entered my life, you gave me more than I ever imagined, unwavering love, joy, protection, and the beautiful honor of becoming your wife. You gifted me our precious daughters, living testaments of the bond we built. Through them, your spirit will live on forever.

I am endlessly proud of the man you became. A man of strength, purpose, and of good a heart. You excelled in your career with tireless commitment and touched everyone around you with your presence. I witnessed your growth, your patience, your wisdom, your expanding capacity to love. Your strength carried us through challenges that could have broken us. But we always found our way back because we chose each other, over and over again. That is the truest proof of our love.

This year, on my birthday, you wrote:

“Happy Birthday, my love! You are not only my wife but also my best friend and the greatest blessing in my life. I thank God every day for you, and I look forward to creating more beautiful memories together. Enjoy your day. I love you deeply.”

I was holding onto those words with so much joy, eagerly counting down the days until I would see you again in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 18th. I was waiting to be in your arms, to laugh with you, to celebrate my birthday by your side like we had planned.

Why then hmmm... why am I in Ghana mourning you instead?

On that final morning just hours before the crash your last words to me were:

“Take care babe. I Love you.”

Those words will forever echo in my heart not just as your goodbye, but as your eternal vow to me.



I will cherish every moment we shared, your laughter, your embrace and the way you called my name. This world may have lost you, but I will carry your love with me always. You were my partner, my safe place, my joy and my best friend.

Rest peacefully, Eniola Aboagye, as I affectionately call you

Thank you for loving me. Thank you for making me a wife, for giving me our daughters, and for showing me what true partnership looks like. I pray your soul finds eternal peace, surrounded by

the grace and light of God. May your rest be as beautiful and powerful as the life you lived. May heaven welcome you with open arms.

Until we meet again, I will hold onto our love unbroken by time, untouched by death. You will always be my forever.

Samuel Aboagye my dear husband,

Rest well!!

Rest peacefully in the bosom of the Lord!!

TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN OF MR. SAMUEL ABOAGYE

“For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in Heaven, not built by human hands”. 2 Corinthians 5:1 NIV

August 6th, a day we will always remember in sadness. It's been a few days Dad, but we don't think we have accepted that we won't see you again. This is not how we imagined you leaving us at all and it pains us to realize that you won't be there for us, your children, to take care of you after struggling to bring us up, that you won't be there to carry your grandchildren.

Recently, I have been going down memory lane and I am proud that I was given the opportunity to call you my Father. A man who loved his family deeply, A man who worked hard to take care of his family, A man who brought us up in the way of the Lord.

Kwaku Adu was more than just a father; he was a mentor, a guide, and a friend. I never thought there was anything you couldn't do if you wanted to Dad, well except avoid death. His laughter filled our home, bringing warmth and joy to even the cloudiest days. We will always cherish those moments, whether it was our weekend adventures, late-night talks, or simply sharing a meal together.

Each memory is a treasure that we carry with us. He taught us the value of hard work, integrity, and kindness. No matter the challenge, he approached life with unwavering determination and an open heart. His ability to see the good in people inspired everyone around him. Hon. Aboagye shows us how to stand tall in the face of adversity and to embrace every moment with gratitude and grace. We are grateful for the life lessons he imparted; lessons about love, respect, and compassion.

He believed in us even when we doubted ourselves and pushed us to pursue our dreams. As we gather to celebrate his life, let us remember the lessons he shared and the love he gave so freely. Let us carry forward his legacy of kindness and inspire others just as he inspired us.

Though we miss him dearly, we find comfort in knowing that he lives on through the values he instilled in us and the love he shared with everyone he encountered.

Thank you, Dad, for everything.
Your love will forever guide us, and your memory will always be our source of strength.
AGYA PA NANTE YIE.

TRIBUTE BY THE NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION (NADMO)

Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appears for a little time and then vanishes away (James 4:14). Today, we gather with heavy hearts to honour the life and legacy of a remarkable leader, the late Mr. Samuel Aboagye. Mr. Aboagye was appointed to NADMO on 24th February, 2025, as Deputy Director-General in charge of protocol. Although his time with us was brief, his impact will be felt forever.

Mr. Aboagye led with vision and integrity, demonstrating unwavering commitment to duty. His greatest strength was his humility; he treated everyone with respect and warmth, regardless of their position. His infectious smile made him both approachable and unforgettable.

He worked alongside everyone, opened his doors for all, and offered encouragement. His legacy is one of humility and subtle strength, which drew people to him and made them value him.

Every decision he made was guided by a deep sense of responsibility, not only to the work but

also to the people he served. Moments when it came to give all for the cause he believed in, he did so with the same courage and selflessness that defined his life.

Although young in years, his functional age marked by his wisdom, strength, and compassion surpassed his chronological age. He was a promising star who made every person feel valued, seen, and appreciated.

As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate his life. A life that shone brightly, even though briefly. His story is not one of tragedy alone, but of honour, service, and love for humanity.

Rest well, Mr. Samuel Aboagye! Your smile, kindness, and humble spirit will remain in our hearts forever.

BIOGRAPHY OF SQUADRON LEADER PETER BAAFEMI ANALA (GH/4281)

GHANA ARMED FORCES (GAF)

Squadron Leader Peter Baafemi Anala was born on 2 November 1989. He hailed from Siniensi, in the Builsa North District of the Upper East Region, and was the youngest child of Paul Oscar Anala and Lucy Apung Anala. He spent his formative years in Tamale, where his family resided. Even in his early years, it was evident that Peter possessed a keen interest in technical skills. None could have foreseen that the vibrant young boy would one day serve his nation with such selflessness and dedication, ultimately paying the ultimate price.

As fate would have it, Peter began his primary and junior secondary education at Barwah Barracks, home to the Air Force Base in Tamale. He later attended St James Seminary/ Secondary School, where his discipline and academic excellence flourished. He often likened his alma mater to a military training camp, reflecting the profound impact it had on shaping his character. Upon graduating from St James, Peter pursued a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), graduating in 2012. He went on to obtain a Master of Science in Air Transport and Aviation Management from the same institution in 2023. At the time of his passing, he was pursuing postgraduate studies in Safety and Accident Investigation in the United Kingdom.

Within his community, Peter was known as someone who never forgot his roots.







Whether mentoring young people, advising friends, or assisting neighbours, he consistently sought to uplift others. His generosity extended beyond words, he was a man of action who believed that service to God and humanity was the highest calling. Though his career in the Ghana Air Force brought him recognition as a skilled pilot and dedicated officer, Peter's true legacy lies in the relationships he built and the lives he touched. His integrity, kindness, and unassuming nature endeared him to all.

Peter is survived by his wife, Ursula Wematu Asaghedewe, and their daughter. Despite the demands of his career, family remained the cornerstone of his life. He loved them deeply and spoke of them with warmth and pride to all who would listen.

A baptised and confirmed Catholic, Peter held deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His faith guided his principles and approach to life, and he remained steadfast in it until the very end. Peter's legacy stands as an enduring example of bravery, academic excellence, and patriotic sacrifice. His life epitomised dedication to family, faith and nation.

We join his family, church, and community in mourning this great loss. We celebrate the life of a man who, though gone too soon, lived fully and left an indelible mark on every heart he encountered.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.



TRIBUTE BY WIFE OF SQUADRON LEADER PETER BAFEMI ANALA

Bafemi, the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for everything under the sun: a time for planting and a time for harvest, a time to be born and a time to die... But Peter, this is not the time the Bible spoke about. Bafemi, as I affectionately called him, was my answered prayer. From the moment I met him, my life has never been the same. My husband was a hardworking man; I have never seen a person more dedicated to his work. Peter told me that he would never allow me to lift a finger because he would lift both hands for us, and true to his word, I have not had to struggle for anything. Peter took care of his family, just as he took care of his friends. He did everything to make sure my life was comfortable.

My husband was a go-to person for everyone who knew him, sacrificing and laying down his life to come through for anyone in need. Anyone who knows Peter knows that he would go hungry for the sake of his loved ones. Two months ago, when you held my hand in the delivery room through the birth of our beautiful baby, Wenlie Wesoamo Anala, we

had new hope for our future and expectations for our family and the life we wanted her to have. Ahh, Bafemi, I expected you to stay with me for at least a month to help us settle into our new reality, but for the love you had for our country, you had only just a week to spend with us. Before you left, Wenlie held you back for an extra week because she was not feeling well. Now I know why she was holding you back from returning to Ghana. But for your dedication to your work, you had to make the most difficult sacrifice, to go and serve our country, leaving behind a sick new baby and a new mother who was still healing.

Aaaah, Peter, two weeks only? Oh, what two weeks those were! Two weeks of endless kisses on Wenlie's little face. I have never seen a broader smile than in the little time you spent with her. I did not want you to leave, but you promised me that, come rain or shine, you would return in October for Wenlie's christening. Eiiiiii, God! What am I going to tell her in a few years when she starts asking for her father? How do I explain that the hardships

she is about to face, being fatherless, was not the life we planned for her when we brought her into this world? How do I keep her from learning about your traumatic last moments? How do I give her the life we planned for her all alone? Every morning, you would record a video of yourself telling me how your day would be and all the exciting things and places you would go.

“My love, I will call you back when we are back in Accra. Love youuuu.” Those cannot be the last words you ever said to me! I am missing a few morning videos; kindly send me all the videos you have not sent since 7th August.

Aaaahhh, Bafemi, you left me broken! This was not the plan, Peter. This was not it!

Bafemi, please come back. Please come and hold me and tell me this was all a very terrible nightmare and that it is over now. I am supposed to be consoled with the fact that you died knowing God and that there is rest for you until we meet again. But I cannot come to terms with this. I will forever cherish the moments I spent with you, and I certainly cannot wait for that glorious reunion.

Bafemi, my love,
journey well.
I love you.



TRIBUTE FROM FAMILY

TO THE LATE SQUADRON LEADER PETER BAAFEMI ANALA

“The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...” — Psalm 23.

With shattered hearts, we stand today to mourn the tragic loss of our beloved son, brother, husband, and father, Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, who passed away in the line of duty on 6th August 2025. His sudden departure has left an irreplaceable void in our lives—one that can never be filled.

Peter was a remarkable soul full of life, brilliant young man. A man of integrity, humility, and deep faith, he believed in excellence, simplicity, and precision in all he did. His kindness, obedience, and devotion to God endeared him to everyone who knew him. Even when distance separated us during his studies and service, our bond remained unbroken through constant communication and shared prayers.

Just months before his passing, Peter travelled to the United Kingdom to support his loving wife as they welcomed their first child, a precious blessing whose christening was set for October.

Before his return, he confided in his mother about a troubling dream, and together, we sought God’s protection through prayers with priests and family.

On 5th June, an unexplainable restlessness kept us awake in prayer for the family. That morning, we sent Peter our usual devotion and a message: “How are you, my love? Stay safe and blessed in the Lord Jesus Christ”. When there was no reply, fear gripped us. Later, the devastating truth reached us, our worst fears had come to pass.

Though our hearts are broken beyond words, we surrender to God’s will, trusting that He knows best. We find solace in the cherished memories, his dreams, and the love he poured into our lives. We pray for God’s comfort upon his wife, his newborn child, and all affected by this tragedy.

Peter, our hero, our light, you fought a good fight, you finished your race, you kept the faith. Until we meet again in God’s glory, rest peacefully in His arms.

Paa nalin nyini, our beloved.
Forever in our hearts.

TRIBUTE BY THE GHANA ARMED FORCES

TO SQUADRON LEADER PETER BAAFEMI ANALA (GH/4281)

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” – Maya Angelou.

Today, we gather with heavy hearts to honour the life and service of Squadron Leader Peter Baafemi Anala, a dedicated leader, gallant officer, and patriot who tragically lost his life in a helicopter crash on 6 August 2025. His sudden passing has left an irreplaceable void in the Ghana Air Force, his family, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Commissioned into the Operations Branch of the Ghana Air Force on 17 October 2014, Squadron Leader Anala was a skilled and passionate pilot.

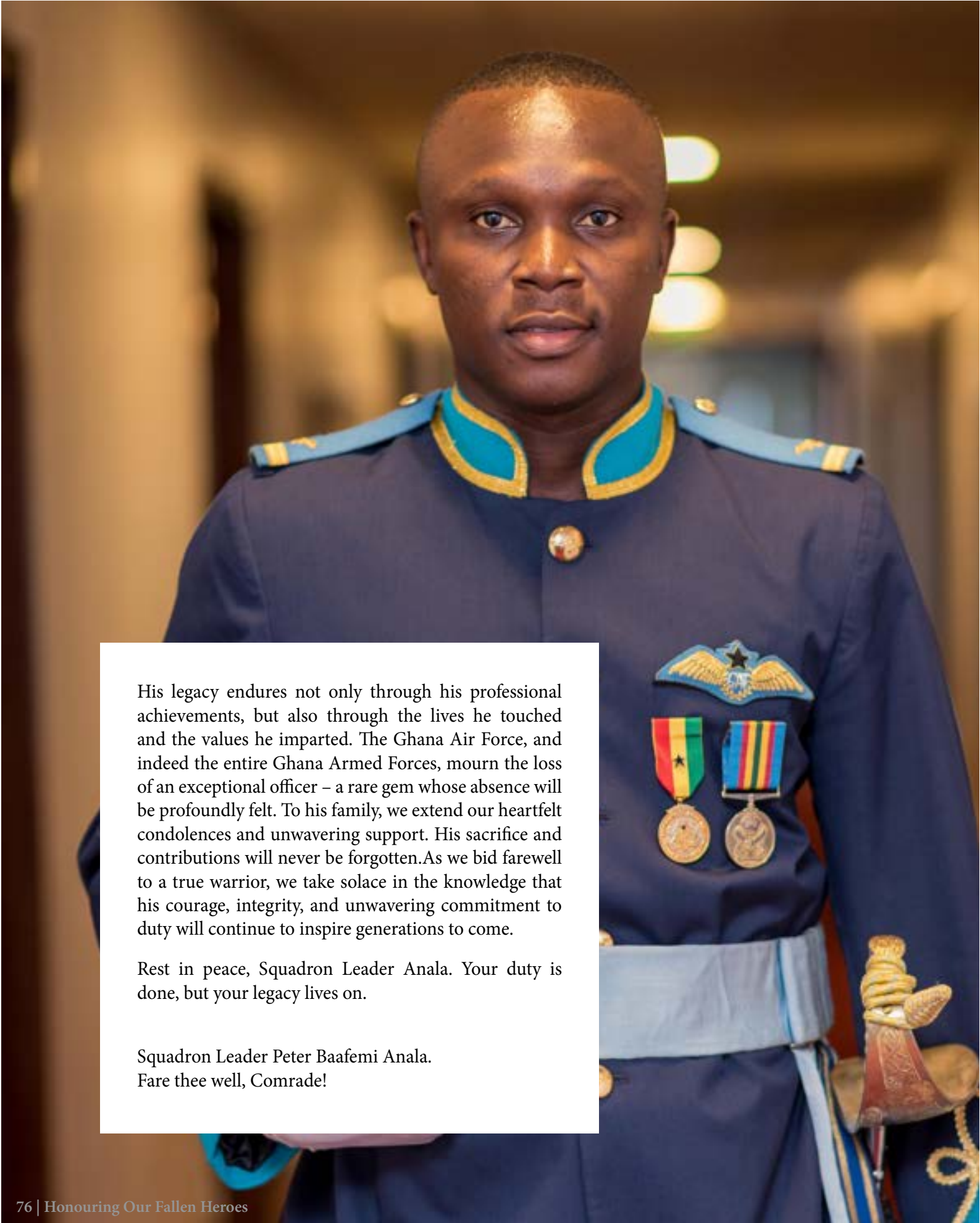
Throughout his distinguished career, he underwent extensive training both locally and abroad, honing his expertise in aviation and flight safety. His commitment to excellence was evident in his relentless pursuit of knowledge, ensuring the highest standards in operational performance.

Some of his notable courses and qualifications included:

- Private Pilot Rotor, Instrument Rating, and Commercial Pilot Rotor Helicopter Licence – Florida, USA (28 August 2014 – 15 April 2015).
- Master of Science in Air Transportation and Aviation – Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (1 November 2022).
- Digital and Technological Challenges in the Maritime Sector – 9–12 May 2023.
- Continuing Professional Development: Fundamentals of Accident Investigation – 11–29 September 2023.
- Continuing Professional Development: Applied Aircraft Investigation – 2–20 October 2023.
- Safety and Accident Investigation – Cranfield University, United Kingdom (22 April 2024).

Beyond his technical expertise, Squadron Leader Anala was a mentor and an inspiration to many. He fostered camaraderie, provided guidance to young officers and airmen, and led by example. His leadership shone through in his role as Course Commander for the Regimental Orientation Training of Newly Commissioned Officers at Air Force Base Takoradi, a responsibility he discharged with dedication and distinction.

A man of deep faith, Squadron Leader Anala’s life was guided by a steadfast belief in service grounded in love, loyalty, and devotion.

A portrait of Squadron Leader Peter Baafemi Anala in his Ghana Air Force uniform. He is a Black man with short hair, looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. He is wearing a dark blue uniform jacket with a light blue collar and epaulettes. On his left chest, there is a pilot's wing badge and two medals with colorful ribbons. A light blue sash is worn around his waist. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

His legacy endures not only through his professional achievements, but also through the lives he touched and the values he imparted. The Ghana Air Force, and indeed the entire Ghana Armed Forces, mourn the loss of an exceptional officer – a rare gem whose absence will be profoundly felt. To his family, we extend our heartfelt condolences and unwavering support. His sacrifice and contributions will never be forgotten. As we bid farewell to a true warrior, we take solace in the knowledge that his courage, integrity, and unwavering commitment to duty will continue to inspire generations to come.

Rest in peace, Squadron Leader Anala. Your duty is done, but your legacy lives on.

Squadron Leader Peter Baafemi Anala.
Fare thee well, Comrade!



B I O G R A P H Y O F

F/O MANAEN TWUM AMPADU (GH/5426)

GHANA ARMED FORCES (GAF)

Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu, affectionately known as Papa Twum or Paa Tee, was born on January 7, 1995, in Accra to Rev. MacDouglas Emmanuel Ampadu of Aduama and Mrs. Patience Adjeley Ampadu Ablorh of Teshie. Born into royal lineage from the Etena clan of Abene, he was named after his paternal grandfather, Isaac Kwadjo Mensah Twum.

He was raised in Aburi, where his mother worked at the Presbyterian Women's College of Education (PWCE), Manaen was the elder of two siblings. He began his education at Chrisland International School (Aburi) and later attended Deks Preparatory International (Tema), De-Bright International, and Feberck International (Nungua) before returning to Deks International to complete his Junior High School education. Manaem continued his education at Presbyterian Secondary Technical (PST), Aburi, where he developed a keen interest in Geography. He proceeded to Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), earning a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Rural Development (Second Class Upper Division, 2017). During his studies, he interned at Ghana Civil Aviation Authority and later completed his national service there. He was driven by his childhood dream of becoming a pilot, Manaem enlisted in the Ghana Military Academy in 2020.

A devoted son, brother, and friend, Manaen valued family above all. His marriage on 27 April 2024 to Naval Lieutenant Awura Adjao Kumi-Kyere marked a new and joyful chapter in his life.







He embraced his role as a husband with the same commitment and tenderness that characterised all his relationships. Faith was the cornerstone of Manaen's life. Baptised in 2002 under his father's ministry, he was a devout Fundamental Baptist and an active member of Set Time Baptist Church, where he served as his father's armour bearer on evangelism missions. His leadership extended to serving as President of the Fundamental Baptist Students Fellowship (KNUST). His compassion for the less fortunate was evident in his support for Zion Helping Hand, a charity aiding children in rural communities, and his contributions to Jesus' Kitchen, feeding the homeless.

Beyond his faith and family commitments, Manaen was known for his humility, diligence, and adventurous spirit. He loved football, reading, computer games, and sightseeing, often bringing joy and laughter to those around him. Friends and

colleagues remember his willingness to help, his encouraging words, and his unwavering moral compass. Although he fulfilled a childhood dream by joining the Ghana Air Force and training as a pilot, flying was only one aspect of his rich and purposeful life. Whether in the cockpit, at home, in church, or among friends, Manaen's life was defined by service, love, and integrity.

His passing is a profound loss to his family, the Ghana Armed Forces, and the nation, but his influence lives on in the countless lives he touched. As written in 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17, we hold fast to the promise that “the Lord Himself will descend with a shout... and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

Rest well, Papa Twum.

Your race is run, but your light will shine forever in our hearts.

TRIBUTE BY WIFE OF MANAEN TWUM AMPADU

Who would have thought that I would be standing here today, reading a tribute to you? Who could ever have imagined that death would separate us so quickly? Everyone looks at me and says how composed I am, but I can do this because of you and of our love. What is this grief, and what do I do with it? Manaen and I met on his birthday in 2022. People always commented that you loved me too much, but only you and I know the depth of what we had and shared. What do I do without you, and how do I carry on alone from here?

Manaen, you were truly your name to me. You were my best friend, my “gisting” partner, my everything. We had so many plans, dreams and ideas that are now shattered. What do I do with all these emotions? Manaen please respond and answer me, because this silence is too loud.

Everything feels surreal, and I sometimes think you will walk in, and all this will be just a bad dream. How is this even happening? But I will tell your story, so the world knows who you are and who you were to me.

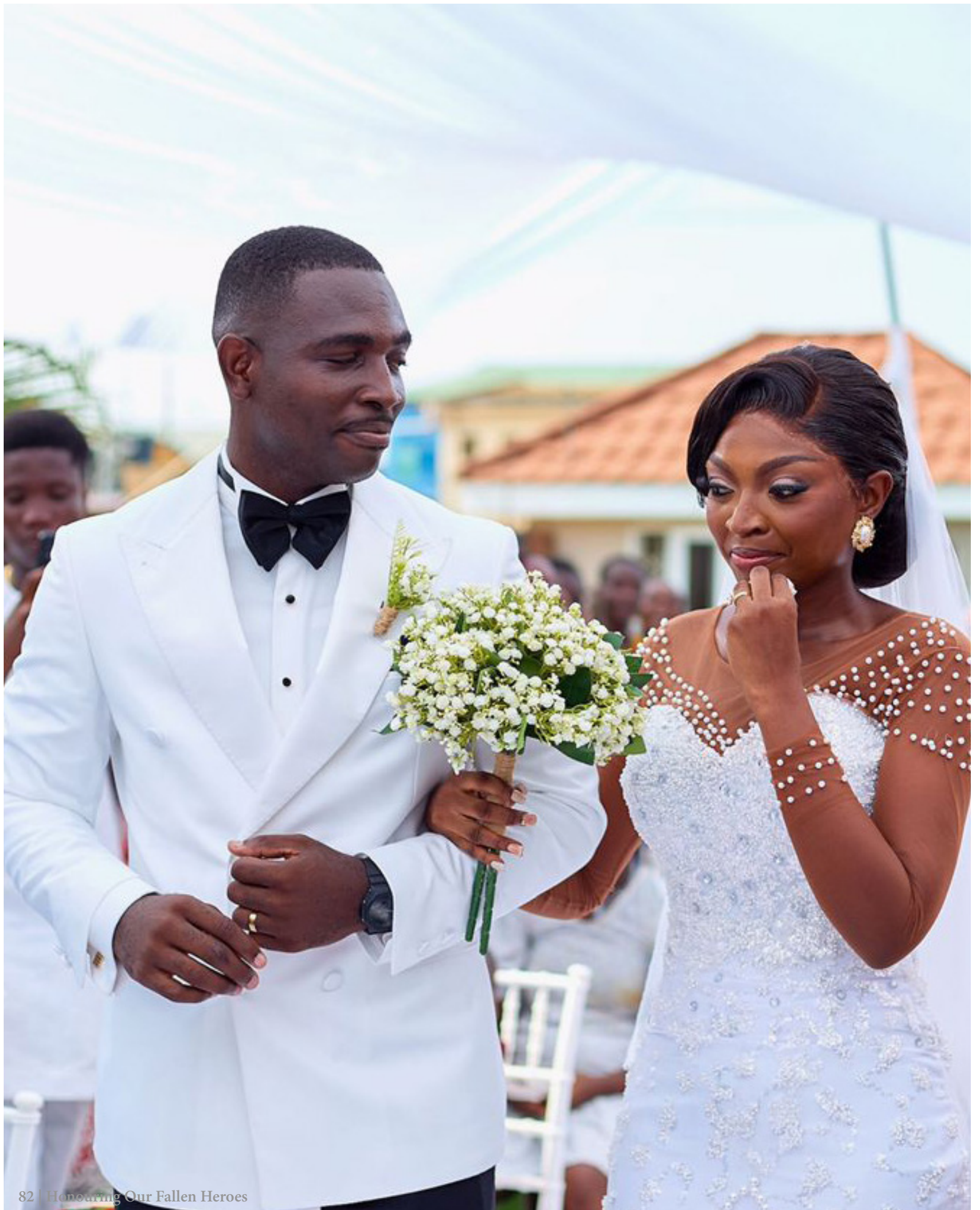
You were considerate, attentive, giving, fun and loving, a quiet source of strength to me and indeed everyone who encountered you. My darling, thank you for blessing my life with your sweet presence and your ever-constant smile.

My correct better half, my lover and my best friend, I hope you know I love you a lot more than these words can convey. I miss you.

Mike-Yankee-Sierra-Whiskey-Echo-Echo-Tango-Bravo-Alpha-Bravo-Yankee-Bravo-Oscar-Yankee-India-Lima-Oscar-Victor-Echo-Yankee-Oscar-Uniform.

My forever and a day. Sleep well, my love. May the earth rest lightly on you.

God be with you till we meet again.



TRIBUTE BY FAMILY OF MANAEN TWUM AMPADU

‘Today, we gather to celebrate the life of an extraordinary individual, our beloved son, Manaen Twum Ampadu, fondly known as Paa T. Your life may have been brief, but its impact on your family and loved ones will be felt for years to come. Your name, meaning “Comforter”, was a prophecy of the solace and warmth you brought to those around you.

Paa T, your presence was a gift to all who knew you. Your gentle nature, politeness, and kindness left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone you met. As a brother, you were a rock to your younger sister, providing support, protection, and strength whenever she needed it. Your role as an “Armour Bearer” to your father during his ministry was a testament to your dedication to serving the Lord and your passion for spreading love and kindness.

Your cousins, school friends, and everyone who crossed your path adored you for your kindhearted nature and generosity. Though you are no longer with us physically, your spirit lives on in the memories and love that will endure forever.

Your Mum will particularly miss your reassuring presence and loving care.

As we bid you farewell, Paa T, we take comfort in knowing that you are now in the bosom of your Maker, basking in eternal joy and peace. We hold onto the hope of a joyful reunion on the Resurrection Day, when we will once again be united with you. Until then, your legacy will live on through the countless lives you touched.

Damirifa due, dear Paa T. May your soul rest in peace, knowing that you made a difference in the lives of many.’

TRIBUTE BY THE GHANA ARMED FORCES

TO FLYING OFFICER MANAEN TWUM AMPADU (GH/5426)

‘For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.’ Romans 14:8 (King James Version).

We stand together in sorrow and solemn pride to honour the life of Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu, a brilliant and promising young officer whose light was extinguished far too soon in a tragic helicopter crash on Wednesday, 6 August 2025. Though his time with us was brief, his impact was profound, a testament to his intelligence, dedication, and unwavering commitment to service.

Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu was commissioned into the Ghana Armed Forces as part of Regular Career Course Intake 61, after successfully graduating from the Royal Air Force Training Academy from 9 September 2020 to 8 April 2021. From the moment he was commissioned into the Operations Branch of the Ghana Air Force, it was clear that Flying Officer Ampadu was destined for greatness. A top performer in his class, he combined sharp intellect with relentless determination, quickly earning respect as a skilled aviator and dependable co-pilot. His thirst for knowledge was unmatched, and his technical expertise set him apart even among seasoned officers. Yet, beyond his professional excellence, he was a beacon of comradeship, a loyal friend, a willing mentor, and a

source of encouragement to his peers. His humility, warmth, infectious smile, and enthusiasm left an indelible mark on all who served alongside him.

To his family, especially his dear wife, Lt (GN) Ewurajoa Kumi-Kyeremeh, we offer our deepest condolences and eternal gratitude. Your son, brother, husband, and comrade was a hero in every sense, and his sacrifice will never be forgotten. His potential was boundless, and though his journey was cut short, his legacy will endure in the annals of the Ghana Air Force.

Rest easy, young warrior. Though your wings were clipped too soon, your spirit soars among the skies you loved.

‘The flame that burns twice as bright burns half as long, but oh, how it illuminates the world.’

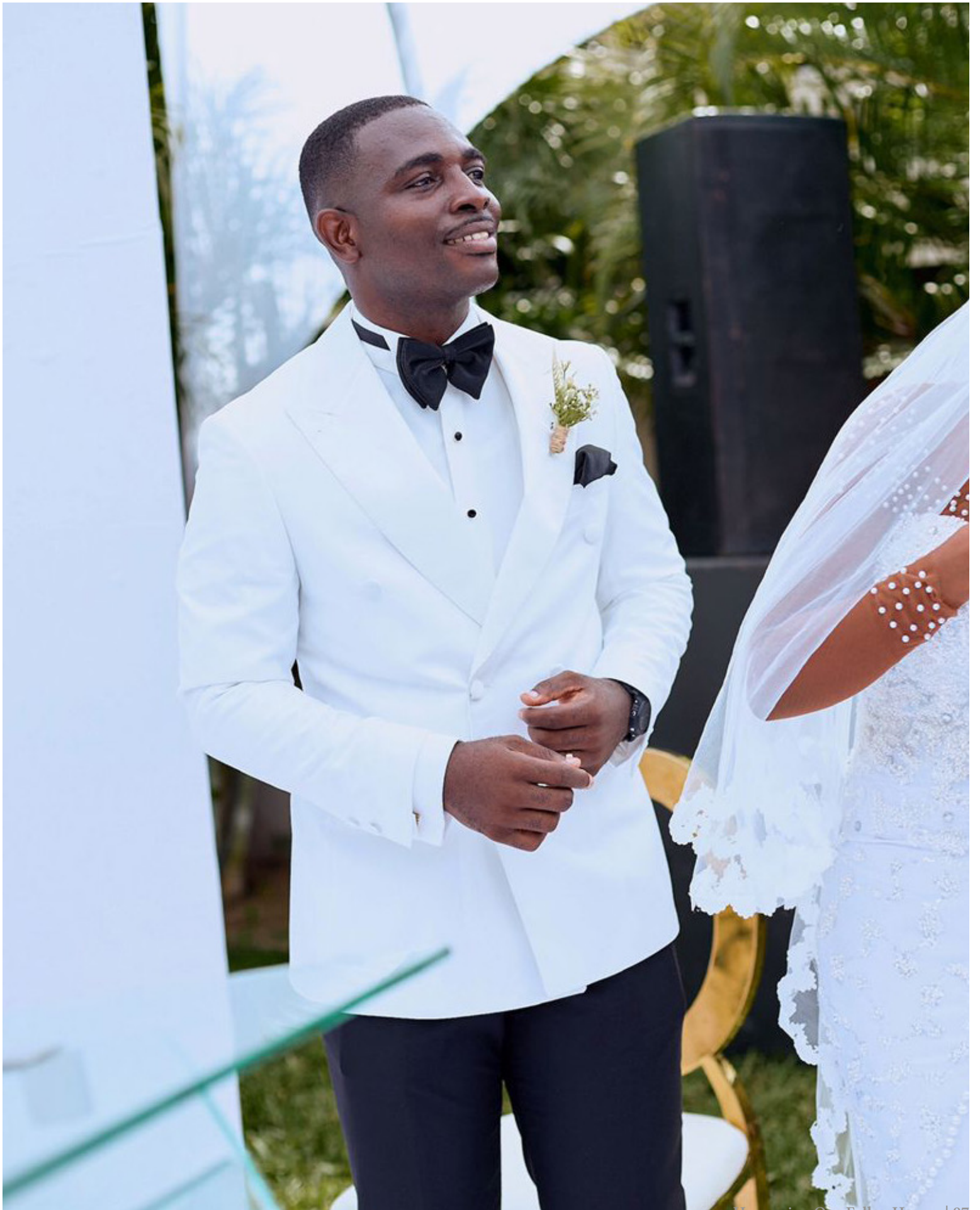
Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu, fair winds and clear skies ahead.

Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu, the Ghana Air Force salutes you.

May your soul rest in perfect peace, till we meet again.







B I O G R A P H Y O F

SERGEANT MENSAH ADDO ERNEST (202154)

GHANA ARMED FORCES (GAF)

It is often said that the hour of death cannot be foretold. Though we acknowledge this truth, we tend to believe such a moment lies far ahead. Never did we imagine that we would gather today to remember and mourn Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah, whose earthly remains lie before us, having fallen in the line of duty while serving our beloved Mother Ghana.

Born on 5 July 1988 in Accra to the late Ex-WOI Emmanuel Mensah Ashaiquaye and the late Victoria Abba Morkey, Ernest hailed from La Abafum Quarter in the Greater Accra Region and Ehi in the Ketu North District of the Volta Region. After the loss of his parents, Rev. Chief Supt. Stella Ama Katso Anku lovingly assumed a motherly role, nurturing and guiding him through life. From an early age, Ernest carried a quiet strength, humility, and a heart devoted to faith, family, and service, a legacy that would remain constant throughout his years.

He began his education at La Emmaus Presbyterian Primary (A&B) School and continued at La Enobal “2” Junior High School from 2001 to 2004. He later pursued studies at Emit Electronic Institute from 2004 to 2007, where his interest in technical and mechanical work first blossomed. Friends and teachers recall a young man who embodied honesty, respect, and kindness, who listened intently, spoke thoughtfully, and readily offered help to others.

Ernest was a man who treasured relationships. His marriage to Miss Mercy Amoah on 5 July 2025 was a joyous celebration of love, witnessed by family and friends.







Though their union was heartbreakingly short, it was built on deep affection, mutual respect, and shared hopes for the future. A devoted Christian, Ernest was baptised and confirmed in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, South La Estate, and later worshipped at the Presby Methodist Church in Takoradi. His life was anchored in an unwavering faith in Christ Jesus, and his greatest desire was for his loved ones to come to a saving knowledge of the Lord. He lived with eternity in view, carrying himself with humility and discipline as a true servant of God.

In his community, Ernest was a source of warmth, generosity, and encouragement. His ready smile, kind words, and genuine concern for others made him a cherished figure among neighbours and friends. He was the person people turned to in times of need and he is always willing to lend a hand, often going out of his way to help

without expecting anything in return. Although Ernest dedicated fourteen years of his life to the Ghana Armed Forces and served with skill and professionalism, his true legacy lies in the lives he touched beyond the uniform. He lived a life of warmth, kindness, and genuine engagement with people from all walks of life. His ever-present smile warmed hearts, and his kind words and concern for others made him a cherished figure in his neighborhood and beyond. He never hesitated to help those in distress, often going out of his way to assist anyone in need. His generosity of spirit and compassionate nature were a gift to all who knew him. His love for God, devotion to family, and compassion for humanity remain the hallmarks of his life.

Rest in perfect peace, faithful servant. Your work on earth is done, and your crown awaits in glory.

TO MY BIGGEST CHEERLEADER

TRIBUTE FROM WIFE OF THE LATE 202154 SERGEANT MENSAH ADDO ERNEST

To my biggest cheerleader, the kindest of hearts, my big brother, and my Mantse, putting words together for your tribute is the hardest task I have ever been given. My heart aches beyond words thinking of not seeing your beautiful 'receptionist smile' as you called it or hearing you call me 'Manye' a hundred times in a day.

You gave me the experience of being deeply understood, genuinely supported, and utterly loved. You often said, "Manye, I will give us a life that many people will wish to be in your shoes," but now, these shoes you've put on me, no one wishes to wear. Should I say you lied? No, because I know if you had control over life, you would choose to live a thousand years to make me happy.

Anyone who knew you attests to your exceptional humility, hard work and pure dedication to service, earning you the name 'Adwumawura'.

The Z9 was like your first child and in every conversation, you'd find a way to bring it up. You would spend long nights reading and researching to care for it.

Your love for God was unmatched, and I affectionately called you 'My Apostle'. Mantse, it's been days, and you have not called at 5 am for us to pray. Ah Death, shame on you! You have not won; Christ has, because Ernest died knowing Him as his Lord and Savior.

I was oblivious that death would take you so soon, but meeting you has shown me that angels truly exist in human form. You will forever be my HERO. Forever in my thoughts, never to die. Continue to rest in the bosom of our Lord till we meet again.

Goodbye, My Love.

TRIBUTE FROM FAMILY

OF THE LATE 202154 SERGEANT MENSAH ADDO ERNEST

“The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18).

We find strength in the words of Anne Lamott:

“You lose someone you can’t live without, and your heart will be badly broken. The bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news: they live forever in your broken heart that doesn’t seal back. And you come through. It’s like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly, it still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp.”

From the moment Ernest became part of our lives, we were filled with joy, knowing God had blessed us with a precious gift. He placed his hopes and dreams in God and in us, and we encouraged him at every step. We will miss his infectious smile, warm hugs, and deep conversations. Most of all, we will miss his unwavering faith and steadfast conviction in Christ Jesus. We will never forget the terrible accident one of us suffered on the way to Takoradi to visit him, and how he personally ensured every detail of the hospital care that led to a full recovery.

To say that Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah was polite would be an understatement. From a young age, he showed respect and genuine care for everyone around him. He was a dreamer, a leader, and someone who could light up any room with his presence, his attitude, and his smile. Our hearts are broken beyond words.

The loss of a loved one is something no family can ever fully prepare for. Ernest had many dreams and plans, and we know he would have achieved them all. His wedding day on 5 July 2025 was filled with joy and hope for the future he was building with his wife. Just a month later, on 5 August 2025, we spoke at length about how he planned to make his wife happy and create a strong, loving home.

But death is inevitable, and none of us can know the manner of our departure. Ernest left us in a way that defies imagination, his body consumed by fire. Yet even though we never saw his body, we firmly believe that his soul lives on, untouched and unburnt. Ernest, you have paid your dues to Mother Ghana, and you leave this world a hero. “The brave die never, though they sleep in dust; their courage nerves a thousand living men.” We love you deeply, and we are immeasurably proud of you.

We take comfort in the assurance that we will meet again, for you died in Christ. As 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 reminds us:

“For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Our time with you here on earth is over, but your place in our hearts will never be taken. Ernest, you are irreplaceable. Fare thee well, beloved. Rest in perfect peace.

TRIBUTE BY THE GHANA ARMED FORCES

TO THE LATE 202154 SERGEANT MENSAH ADDO ERNEST

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants” Psalm 116:15 NIV

Sgt, Mensah Addo Ernest was enlisted into the Ghana Air Force on 25 July 2011 and successfully passed out on 23 December 2011 as part of CSE 1/2011. He later enrolled into the Ghana Air Force Aviation College (GHAFAC) in the year 2012 to pursue his career in the Air Force as an Aircraft Technician and successfully graduated in the year 2016 as part of Course 10.

He was an airman at the Tamale Base and was later posted on attachment to Takoradi Base to work on the Z9 (No.8 Heli Wing). His hard work and zeal as a technician on the Z- 9 was one of the beautiful ways he could express his love for the aviation industry. Sgt Mensah was loved and admired by a lot of people because he showed true passion in his line of duty. He always had a smile on his face even when things looked a bit disturbing. His advice to the younger ones was, “NEVER GIVE UP AND DO NOT LOOSE HOPE IN YOUR CAREER PATH BECAUSE NOTHING COMES OUT WELL IN NEGATIVITY BUT WITH A POSITIVE MINDSET YOU WILL ATTAIN YOUR AIM”.

He was particularly fond of the young female technicians. He was dedicated to ensuring that the few who dared to venture into the aviation technician field were mentored well and encouraged to stay.

Ernest was a man of deep faith. You had a conviction that no obstacle could derail a man from his purpose for which God has ordained for him in life. Your life revolved around your deep faith and belief in your creator. You always had a testimony to share about the divine providence of God.

For you, the only way a man could show gratitude to his make was by being a diligent worker. You embodied the ideals of what service to God and Country represented. The No.8 Heli Wing has lost an invaluable technician and a brother in arms. It is our hope that all the young ones you trained would rise to the challenge and fill the void your passing has created.

Sergeant Mensah, the Ghana Air Force is forever indebted to you. You paid the ultimate price with your life. Your life's work and achievement would be etched in the history of the Service. For every lift off and touch down we register would be dedicated to the angels of the No.8 Heli Wing. You have played your part, now rest in the bosom of the Most High God.

Rest Thee Well.
Sgt Mensah Addo Ernest.
Till We Meet Again.







TRIBUTE BY

H.E. JOHN DRAMANI MAHAMA

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

On Wednesday, August 6th, 2025, our nation awoke to a tragedy that would forever cast its shadow over the heart of Ghana.

A Ghana Armed Forces helicopter, carrying some of our most dedicated public servants and gallant military personnel, went down in the Ashanti Region. In a single, cruel moment, eight bright lights in our national life were extinguished.

It is difficult to put into words the weight of such loss. The grief we feel is not only the sorrow of individuals but the collective mourning of a people. Ghana has lost leaders whose work touched every corner of our Republic — leaders whose service was not measured in days, but in their impact and the lives they touched.

For me, this is not only a moment of national tragedy but also personal heartbreak. These were not just colleagues in public service; they were brothers in arms, trusted advisors, and friends whose counsel and loyalty I valued beyond measure.

Theirs was a journey of duty. On that fateful day, they were in active service to the Republic,

pursuing assignments vital to our people's safety, security, and progress.

They did not seek recognition or applause; they were doing what they had always done — giving of themselves, without hesitation, for the good of Ghana.

That is the nature of accurate service. It is often quiet, often unseen, but always driven by love for country and a deep sense of responsibility to one's fellow citizens. Their final act was one of service, which is how they will be remembered.

Among those we lost were:

- Dr. Edward Omane Boamah, Minister for Defence — a trusted friend, a man of sharp intellect and deep conviction. As Minister, he began bold reforms to modernize our Armed Forces, enhance their capabilities, and uphold the highest standards of professionalism. His energy, clarity of vision, and patriotism were unmatched.
- Hon. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed, Minister for Environment, Science and Technology —

passionate, eloquent, and deeply committed to protecting Ghana's environment while advancing scientific innovation. He believed the fight for our planet's future was also the fight for Ghana's future.

- Alhaji Mohammad Muniru Limuna, Deputy National Security Coordinator — calm, discreet, and courageous. His work, much of it unseen, played a vital role in safeguarding the peace and stability of our Republic.
- Samuel Sarpong, Vice Chairman of the National Democratic Congress — a man of humility and loyalty, respected by colleagues and opponents alike. He was a tireless organizer and a faithful servant of our democracy.
- Samuel Aboagye — A young and promising politician, who served as Deputy Director-General of NADMO with dedication and pride. He loved and cherished the opportunity to serve his country wholeheartedly.
- Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu and Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah — The three gallant crew members of the Ghana Armed Forces were disciplined, highly skilled airmen whose lives were defined by the military values of honour, courage, and commitment. They were the silent guardians of our skies, ensuring the safety of every mission they undertook.

Each of these men had a story. Each had a family they cherished, a vision they pursued, and a heart that beat with love for Ghana.

I recall many private moments — late-night calls to discuss pressing matters of state, quiet words of encouragement before a difficult decision, shared laughter in moments of relief after challenges overcome.

They were not only men of duty, but men of warmth, kindness, and humanity. They believed in the Ghana we are building — a nation of opportunity, justice, and unity.

Their absence leaves a void in our leadership and my heart. But the values they lived by — integrity, humility, loyalty — will remain a guiding light for all who follow in their footsteps.

The temptation to ask “Why?” is strong in moments like this. But even as we seek answers, we must remember that unity is the most accurate way to honour them.

This is not a time for division or speculation. It is a time to support each other, comfort the grieving, and renew our shared commitment to the ideals they stood for.

The Government of Ghana has ordered a complete and transparent investigation into the cause of the crash. We owe it to their memory — and to every Ghanaian who serves — to ensure that lessons are learned, and such a tragedy is never repeated.

Though their voices have fallen silent, their legacy will endure. It will be seen in the stronger Armed Forces they helped shape, the environmental protections they fought for, the security measures they championed, and the democratic institutions they strengthened.

May their stories inspire future generations to serve with the same courage, humility, and dedication.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I extend my deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and all whose lives they touched.

May the Almighty God grant them eternal rest. May He heal the broken hearts of those they leave behind.

And may Ghana — the nation for which they lived and died — remain forever worthy of their sacrifice.



TRIBUTE BY
H.E. NAANA JANE
OPOKU-AGYEMANG

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

My Friends,

I am aware that what we should be doing now is not listening to my tribute. We should all be at our usual activities and throwing up ideas we know may not be accepted by all, but which we bandy about anyway, in the interest of contributing to the national agenda. We are more or less coming to the realization that such will be the outcomes of meetings where we plan, schedule, execute, evaluate, and ascribe responsibilities whether by volunteering or being volunteered.

Your determination to succeed was high; your focus unwavering; your resolve unambiguous. Speaking with you, however briefly, revealed your firm decision to use your opportunities for their intended purpose: serving our country.

I should be making those unexpected calls to some of you, as I do to others, to find out how things are going and getting the usual responses:
We are trying
Our implementation plan is on course
We are making progress
Our strategies need amendment
Not easy ooh
We are doing our best

And Omane, you know that we have an outstanding meeting of the GAF Council. In your capacity as sector Minister, you met with me soon after the council was sworn in, and we pledged to each other to take the assignment very seriously.

We agreed to avoid a tall and cluttered agenda by clearing items expeditiously and following up on



the assignments given to members of council or to management. You had a positive reaction to the prospect of working with me; I was even more excited by the prospect of learning from you.

Yes, one more time to remind ourselves that man proposes, God disposes.

I wish you peaceful rest, my colleagues. I thank each of you for your examples of selflessness, sacrifice, commitment to duty and your abiding belief in the ability of our country to be better for all of us.

I pray that we will all be able to gather the strength to say and believe with the hymnist: Through the love of God our Saviour, All is well.

I want to share some lines from one of my favourite poets, the Ivorian Bernard Dadié:
Listen more often to things rather than beings.
Hear the fire's voice,
Hear the voice of water.
In the wind hear the sobbing of the trees,
It is our forefathers breathing.

The dead are not gone forever.
They are in the paling shadows,
And in the darkening shadows.

The dead are not beneath the ground,
They are in the rustling tree,
In the murmuring wood,
In the flowing water,
In the still water,
In the lonely place, in the crowd:
The dead are not dead.
The dead are not beneath the earth,
They are in the flickering fire,
In the weeping plant, the groaning rock,
The wooded place, the home.
The dead are not dead.

Listen more often to things rather than beings.
Hear the fire's voice,
Hear the voice of water.
In the wind hear the sobbing of the trees.
It is the breathing of our forefathers.

You are always with us, my colleagues in the business of resetting our country and of guiding our steps though the legacies of humanness, loyalty, justice, dedication, determination, trust, and sheer hard work.

Thanks for leaving these gifts, and more, with us.
Rest in Peace.

TRIBUTE BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS

*“The beauty of Israel is slain upon the high places:
how are the mighty fallen!”*

*Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of
Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice...*

*Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither
let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings:*

*For there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,
the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed
with oil. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons
of war perished!” (II Samuel 1:19-27, KJV)*

The tragic news of the sudden passing of five towering stalwarts of the National Democratic Congress struck like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky. It swept across the NDC fraternity and the nation at large with a force so devastating that it momentarily stilled the breath of all who heard it.

For many, the first reaction was disbelief—surely, this could not be true. It felt like a cruel nightmare from which we would soon awake. Even now, days after confirmation, the reality remains almost unbearable. We are left asking that age-old, aching question: Why do the good, the selfless, and the brave depart so soon? The answer remains elusive—perhaps, as the poet says, “blowing in the wind.”

But who were these men whose departure has shaken the very foundations of our Party? How shall they be remembered in the annals of the NDC? What mark did they leave on our political tradition, our

grassroots movement, and the national conscience?

They were not just members of a political party—they were pillars of courage, vision, loyalty, and sacrifice. They were men of conviction who fought, each in his own way, to keep the NDC flame burning bright.

1. Dr. Edward Omane Boamah

From his earliest days as a fearless student leader as NUGS President, his leadership was already evident. Dr. Omane Boamah’s life was defined by courage, intellect, and unyielding dedication to justice.

He stood up to the NPP government when they withheld GETFund payments, taking the matter to the then-Minority Leader, Rt. Hon. A.S.K. Bagbin, and pursuing it with relentless vigour. For this, he became a thorn in the side of his political opponents, enduring hostility and pressure with unflinching resolve.

Drawn closer to the NDC’s cause, he joined forces with the likes of Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa and Bernard Mornah, transforming the Committee for Joint Action (CJA) into a formidable voice for the masses, a living nightmare for the NPP government of the day.

He was one of those brave young activists who personally went to printing houses to monitor the ballot printing process during elections, ensuring the sanctity of the vote.



As part of a vibrant youth wing, they regularly met in the late President Mills' office at Kuku Hill, where strategies were shaped and the future of the Party was charted.

Dr. Omane Boamah's service to Ghana spanned several high-profile roles. Between 2009 and 2012, he served as Deputy Minister for Environment, Science and Technology under the late President John Evans Atta Mills. From 2013 to 2016, during the first term of President John Dramani Mahama, he served as Minister for Communication and

Presidential Spokesperson, delivering his duties with clarity, precision, and professionalism. Upon the return of President Mahama to the presidency after the groundbreaking and emphatic victory of the NDC, he was appointed Minister for Defence, a position he held with candour, grace, and integrity until the tragic event of 6th August 2025, in line with duty.

As Director of Elections, he brought unmatched dynamism to the organisation of campaigns, training of polling agents, and election monitoring.

He mobilised resources, prepared the Party's grassroots with military precision, and oversaw the work of the Electoral Commission with the vigilance of an eagle.

Brilliant, strategic, and utterly fearless, Dr. Omane Boamah was more than a political strategist, he was a fighter for democracy, a compassionate human being, a man generous in spirit and quick to lend a helping hand. His rare blend of intellect, empathy, and resilience made him a treasure to our Party and nation.

2. Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed

From his early days as a formidable student leader, serving as Secretary-General of the All-Africa Students Union (AASU), Murtala Mohammed's life was steeped in activism, advocacy, and an unshakable belief in social justice.

He retained this spirit all his life, becoming a bold voice for the NDC, both within Parliament and beyond. His speeches were fiery, his arguments unapologetic, and his defence of the Party unyielding. He was passionate to his core, quick to rise to the defence of the oppressed, and unwavering in his commitment to the principles of the NDC.

First elected as Member of Parliament for Nanton in 2012, Murtala distinguished himself as a fearless and articulate legislator. During that period, he was appointed by His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama as Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry, where he served with diligence and purpose. At the time of his passing, he was serving his second term as the MP for the good people of Tamale Central, and was the Minister for Environment, Science and Technology.

Murtala was never one to shy away from a political fight, he met challenges head-on, armed with sharp intellect, boundless energy, and a heart that beat for the people. He would always prefer to be called Comrade Murtala, a testament to his abiding principles of comradeship.

He was, in every sense, a warrior for the cause.

3. Dr. Samuel Sarpong

In the Ashanti Region, often a political battlefield, Dr. Samuel Sarpong stood tall as a steadfast pillar of the NDC. A chip off the old block, he was a young, vibrant, and ardent pupil of the PNDC revolution, whose early public service path took him to the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), now EOCO.

His political career blossomed under the NDC, when President John Evans Atta Mills appointed him Mayor of Kumasi. He would later be elevated by President Mahama during his first term to serve as Ashanti Regional Minister and subsequently as Central Regional Minister. His service also includes leading the State Housing Company as Managing Director before the NDC lost the 2016 General Elections.

From Mayor to Regional Minister to National Vice Chairman, Dr. Sarpong served with loyalty, humility, and quiet strength. His background as a former police officer was evident in his dealings: calm demeanor, reliable, punctual, disciplined, forthright, and committed to the cause to a fault. He was dependable to the core, trustworthy, diligent, and always ready to accept any task assigned to him, no matter how challenging.

His humility endeared him to both grassroots supporters and national leaders. Dr. Sarpong was a leader who believed in service above self and who embodied the quiet dignity of true political stewardship. His passing is a monumental loss to the Party and the nation.

4. ALHAJI MOHAMMED-MUNIRU LIMUNA

Hon. Mohammed-Muniru Limuna was a distinguished Ghanaian public servant, statesman, and administrator, remembered for his humility, philanthropy, and devotion to Allah. With over 28 years in public service—13 at the highest leadership levels—he served as Minister for Food

& Agriculture (2016–2017), continuing reforms such as the Ghana Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (GIRSAL) and conceptualizing the Farm Service Centers policy.

As Northern Regional Minister (2014–2016) and Upper East Regional Minister (2013–2014), he led peace-building efforts that resolved conflicts in Nankpanduri, Bawku, and Builsa, and facilitated the historic 2014 Damba Festival between the Andani and Abudu gates in Yendi. Earlier, as Minister of State for Scholarships & Human Resource Development, he reformed scholarship administration and shaped national HR policy.

His career also spanned key roles in the health sector, including leading NHIS computerization and establishing District Mutual Health Insurance Schemes. Internationally, he represented Ghana at major policy forums in London, Beijing, and with the World Bank, UNIDO, and Harvard.

A devout Muslim and philanthropist, he built mosques, sponsored Hajj pilgrims, and supported education, healthcare, and clean water projects through the Tamawuta Foundation. At the time of his passing, he was Acting Deputy National Security Coordinator.

5. HON. SAMUEL ABOAGYE KWAKU ADU

Hon. Samuel Aboagye Kwaku Adu, affectionately called “Adu Kwaku,” was a dedicated comrade and committed member of the National Democratic Congress (NDC). Born on 23rd December 1990 in Damongo, Savannah Region, he rose from humble beginnings to become a respected political leader.

His political career reflected his deep commitment to the cause of the NDC and the development of his people. He first contested as the NDC parliamentary candidate for Obuasi East in the 2020 elections, and again in 2024, where he won but was denied victory due to electoral commission errors, now the subject of a court case.

Undeterred, his dedication to the party and the ideals it represents remained unshaken.

Recognizing his loyalty, President John Dramani Mahama appointed him Deputy Director General of NADMO, where he served with energy and purpose until his untimely passing in a tragic helicopter crash on 6th August 2025. Samuel Aboagye’s death is a painful loss to the NDC, his constituents, and Ghana. His life remains a testament to resilience, loyalty, and unwavering belief in the party’s mission for a better Ghana.

Conclusion

These gallant men were not merely members of our Party; they were the lifeblood of the NDC, each bringing his own strengths, gifts, and fighting spirit to our collective struggle. Some blazed with a brilliance that illuminated our path; others worked quietly, like the steady pulse of a heartbeat, keeping the Party alive in unseen ways.

They shared a common trait—unwavering commitment to the ideals of the NDC. Whether in the public glare or behind the scenes, they advanced our cause with courage, sacrifice, and love for Ghana.

Their departure is a wound in our collective heart, and though they may have left this world with a sudden, cruel bang, the ripples of their lives—their deeds, their examples, their sacrifices—will echo through the history of our Party for generations to come.

May the Almighty grant their noble souls eternal rest, and may their memories remain a guiding light for all who labour in the vineyard of the NDC.

How are the mighty fallen—and the weapons of war perished!



TRIBUTE BY THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT RT. HON. ALBAN SUMANA KINGSFORD BAGBIN

TO GHANA'S DEPARTED LUMINARIES

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom – Psalm 90:12

The cruel hands of fate have plucked from our midst, eight radiant stars whose light illuminated our nation's path.

Though duty called me beyond our borders when the tragedy struck, my spirit has walked alongside our grieving nation every step of this sorrowful journey.

Today, I stand before you soaked in tears. I stand here with a heart shattered by this irretrievable loss, yet overflowing with gratitude for the extraordinary lives that graced our land. With profound sorrow weighing upon my soul, I pay homage to our departed comrades:

1. Dr. Edward Omane Boamah;
2. Hon. Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed;
3. Alhaji Muniru Mohammed Limuna;
4. Dr. Samuel Sarpong;
5. Mr. Samuel Aboagye;
6. Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala;
7. Flying Officer Manin Twum-Ampadu; and
8. Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah.

These gallant men were the very embodiment of Ghana's highest aspirations. They were the loving hands that cradled children, the wise voices that guided families, the charitable hands that fed families and whole communities, the compassionate hearts that uplifted our dear country.



Just days ago, many of these fallen heroes stood among us, united in grief as we bid farewell to our dear friends and comrades, Kobina Ade Coker and Sam Pee Yalley. Like us, these fallen heroes came to honour the memory of their compatriots and to say goodbye to comrades they cherished. None of them imagined then that their end would follow hard on the heels of Ade Coker and Sam Yalley. This cruel twist of fate has left me heartbroken and heavy with sorrow.

As I lay these fragrant blossoms of memorabilia on their graves to signify their impactful existence, let us take cognizance of the fact that they were once ministers whose visionary policies sowed seeds of progress; that we once had technocrats whose expertise steered our nation's course; that a dear colleague parliamentarian once lived whose interventions sparkled with insight; and that three courageous helicopter crew members once existed who served with diligent dedication till their final breaths.

The heavens may have claimed their mortal forms, but their legacy remains etched in the laws they

championed, the institutions they strengthened, the lives they transformed, and the hope they inspired. Even in their sudden departure, these gallant souls have gifted us a powerful reminder: life is fragile, tomorrow is never promised, and every moment matters. As we honour their legacy, may we draw strength and wisdom from the way they lived—and the way they left.

To the bereaved families, I offer not just the condolences of Parliament, but the collective embrace of a nation united in grief. May the Almighty console us who remain in this transient world, and grant us the fortitude to continue their unfinished work. May the angels receive these noble souls with fanfare befitting their service. Rest in peace, faithful servants of the nation.

Rt. Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin
Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana



TRIBUTE BY THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE HIS LORDSHIP JUSTICE PAUL BAFFOE-BONNIE

ON BEHALF OF THE JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL SERVICE OF GHANA

The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

The cruel hands of fate have plucked from our midst, eight radiant stars whose light illuminated our nation's path.

The Judiciary and the Judicial Service of Ghana, today, join the nation in mourning the passing of eight dedicated sons of our motherland, whose lives were tragically cut short. Like every other Ghanaian, members of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service of Ghana, received with utmost shock the calamity that befell the nation, on August 6, 2025, in which eight compatriots tragically lost their lives in a military helicopter crash, while on a national assignment;

There have been occasions the Judicial Service of Ghana has had to rely on the Services of the Ghana Air Force to transport its Officials on national assignments outside the capital, Accra. In moments like this, when dark clouds hover around, there is assurance of God's everlasting presence, and the hope to see a better tomorrow.

The eight compatriots left at a time, it was least expected. This is a stark reminder to the living, that life is fleeting. All are therefore enjoined to approach every duty assigned with the utmost dedication, diligence and love for country, as that hour, where man transforms from this mortality to immortality, is, but known to ONLY the Giver of life.

Their sad and sudden departure from this physical world must encourage all to celebrate their dedication to duty as environmental stewards, even to the last moment of their breath. The devastation and total environmental destruction resulting from illegal mining, require of all to be environmental stewards. This will be a testament that their deaths have not been in vain.

It is in this regard that the Judiciary and Judicial Service of Ghana, pledge to continue to play their part in the prosecution of all environmental cases without fear or favour, bearing in mind, that there is need to be alive and healthy to continue to uphold the rule of law in the democratic journey and also as a contribution to protection of life of all manner of persons.

To His Excellency the President of the Republic, the Government, the Ghana Armed Forces, the families of the fallen eight fellow citizens, this is not a sad moment for you alone; the Judicial Service of Ghana is equally devastated.

The Judiciary and the Judicial Service of Ghana extend their heartfelt condolences to their families and loved ones, and pray for God's comfort and peace in this difficult time. And may the souls of the eight departed, through the mercy of God, rest in perfect peace.

Finally, may we take courage, and be comforted by the words of the creator, through the Prophet Isaiah;

'Fear Not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Amen!!!



TRIBUTE BY THE

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

IN HONOUR OF THE LATE DEFENCE MINISTER AND THE THREE
GALLANT SOLDIERS OF THE GHANA ARMED FORCES

The Ghana Armed Forces Fraternity stands in solemn mourning of our beloved former Defence Minister, the Late Dr Edward Omane Boamah and our three gallant crew- Squadron Leader Peter Baafemi Anala, Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu and Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah who tragically lost their lives in the unfortunate incident that occurred on Wednesday, 6 August 2025.

Dr Omane Boamah's short tenure as Minister for Defence was marked by transformative leadership, innovation and unwavering commitment to excellence. As part of a broader agenda of "Resetting Ghana", he advocated and implemented policies that sought to raise the standards of the Ghana Armed Forces. Paramount amongst these were the retooling and operationalisation of the Ghana Armed Forces, championing merit-based recruitment/enlistment of service personnel, bridging the

accommodation deficit gap of the Ghana Armed Forces, revitalization of the Defence Industries Holding Company Limited (DIHOC) and finally, prioritizing the welfare and health care delivery, including mental health, of troops and veterans.

He was just not a boss or leader, he was a role model and to some a mentor. He empowered those around him thus fostering teamwork and a shared purpose. A first encounter with him was full of quality of thoughts, depth of industry with every spoken word which carried grace and aura. As we mourn his passing, though shock, we take solace in the indelible mark he left on Ghana's Defence Architecture and the lives he touched.

Squadron Leader Peter Baafemi Anala was a pilot whose operational capability combined advanced piloting skills and deep technical knowledge.

He was Commissioned into the Operations Branch of the Ghana Air Force as part of Regular Career Course 54 in 2014. After his Ab-Initio Pilot training in the United States, he was awarded with both a Private and Commercial Rotorcraft Licence and an Advanced Instrument Ratings certification. His integration of flight safety protocols into operational planning enhanced mission success. As a mentor and instructor, he strengthened junior officers' mission readiness and discipline, directly contributing to the Ghana Armed Force's combat preparedness.

Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu was an exceptional young pilot. He was commissioned into the Operations Branch of the Ghana Air Force in 2021 after a distinguished performance at the Royal Air Force Training Academy. He demonstrated outstanding adaptability across diverse mission profiles, coupled with precision in navigation and flight execution. His meticulous approach to mission planning, briefing, and post-mission analysis reflected a deep understanding of operational procedures. Highly proficient in absorbing complex tactical concepts and translating them into flawless execution, he was a dependable co-pilot and a clear prospect for future command in air operations.

Sergeant Mensah Addo Ernest was a highly proficient aircraft technician whose engineering expertise was vital to the operational availability and mission readiness of the Z-9 helicopter fleet at No.8 Helicopter Wing. Enlisted in 2011 and certified in 2016, his diagnostic skills, adherence to airworthiness standards, and ability to execute time-sensitive maintenance tasks under operational conditions directly sustained the Ghana Air Force's operational capabilities. He was also an effective mentor, developing junior technicians to maintain high technical and operational standards.

To the bereaved families, I extend my deepest condolences. May the peace and comfort of the Almighty God be with you. As the bugle sounds and the night holds its silence, we salute them; Dr Omane Boamah, Squadron Leader Anala, Flying Officer Ampadu, and Sergeant Mensah, brave men who served with pride and fell with honour. Their skills and dedication will continue to influence our training, maintenance, and operational doctrines for years to come. They will be sorely missed but fondly remembered.

May their souls rest in perfect peace.



CIRCLES UPON CIRCLES

By Dr. Valerie Esther Sawyerr, Senior Presidential Advisor on Governmental Affairs

Circles going round circles
Trying to find an exit
Concentric circles, intersecting circles
The labyrinth thickens in complexity
Left, right, left again
Backwards, forwards, back and forth ...
We must persevere
Courage can not fail
An exit must be found!

Still stumbling over hoops and loops
Nooks and cranies, recesses and crevices
Cautiously - fumbling and falling
Rocks on both sides – scratching and scraping
The drum roll quickens
An exit must be found

Thumping of heart ... shortness of breath
Deep despair ... prayers abound
Then ... a burst of light ...
Cascading lights - meteoric lights – shooting stars
A deafening sound .. an explosion – rumbling and crackling
Light everywhere, light everywhere
Oh, my God, light everywhere ...
An exit has been found

Tumultuous bombardment
Then the eerie hush – shiii
Angels descending to escort loved ones to eternity
... spirits rising ...
... glorious ascension ...
... trumpets sounding ...

... triumphant entry ...
An exit of mastery - Mission Accomplished!

As mere mortals we say ...
Still, you are God!
From beginning to the end
There is no place for argument
You are God all by yourself.

Unto your bosom we present our loved ones
Keep them safe, Master, till we meet again.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DR. EDWARD OMANE BOAMAH

BY DR. VALERIE ESTHER SAWYERR, SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR
ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

My trusted friend and brother
Who made the agenda real
Devoid of whines or complaints
Solution-oriented to the core
Whose constant refrain - 'organise don't agonise'
The mark of a true general!

My major strategist
Who could unravel the tightest knots
Who could bring down the strongest contender
The meticulous perfectionist
Never suffering fools gladly
The mark of a great warrior!

Not an iota of hypocrisy could be found in you, Omane. I believed in you, and you believed in me. Whenever I heard my ears buzzing, I knew you were championing my cause somewhere - you were defending me or refusing to let someone put me down. Your last words to me were 'I really miss you. I think about you and your happiness. As for accomplishment, you're already accomplished'. You wanted to come over to my office, but I told you I was not in town. You told me to alert you when I was available. I picked up the phone that evening in the hotel room to call you, then I said to myself 'as soon as I get back, I will invite him over so we can talk'. I knew you had a lot on your mind - matters that would need deep thought and analysis to resolve.

You did not wait for me to get back. Oh, Omane, you did not wait for me.

Your 'yea' was 'yea', and your 'nay' was 'nay'. When you had to help your children with their homework or prepare them for an up-coming examination, you would say 'no' to all things political. 'No' remained 'no' until you had completed the task before you, which you tackled with the same regimented zeal you applied to other matters. I would ask afterwards whether the young 'Omane-trained warrior' passed the examination, and you would say, 'Ah Madam, for sure!' I would raise my first two fingers above your head giving you kudos, and I would say 'Father of the Year'. I was always so proud of you. When I wanted you to undertake any task, I would first ask 'any homework, any exam?', and we would both throw back our heads in laughter, understanding your unwavering commitment and steadfastness to family values.

A professional to the core. In your line of work, everyone who knew you, knew what to expect. If a colleague or co-worker could not work with you it meant the person was probably lazy or self-absorbed. Discipline was your watchword. You were knowledgeable, strong and determined, yet humble, respectful and cautious.

Loyal, trustworthy, committed and dedicated, you were a jewel to our President. You demanded total focus on the agenda whether Better Ghana or Reset Ghana. You had a knack for coming up with slogans and policies that drove success. If anyone asked me to name, on one hand, the most competent persons I know, your name would be one. Therefore, we had a synergy that was our own.

With the help of God, you led our Elections & IT Team into the 2024 elections with the ilk of an army general, to level mountains, break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. Decisive leadership with a sense of purpose, In the end, the trumpet sounded, and victory was declared. It was not by chance. It was strategically and meticulously planned. The trained were re-trained. The oriented were re-oriented. Eyes were focused and re-focused. Ears were sharpened and re-sharpened. Strategies were tuned, re-tuned and fine-tuned. We, in the Elections Directorate, followed our hardworking, conscientious, efficient Team Leader as you effectively led us to bombard the frontiers of our opponents and pluck, with diligence, a trophy that that the nation so needed.

We honour you today. We sound a trumpet for you as you enter the Kingdom of Glory. And we ask God to keep you safe, until we meet again.

We are devastated, but we will keep moving forward. That is what you would have expected. I can hear your voice saying ‘Madam, no matter what, aluta continua’. Do not worry, Omane, we will not let you down. The nation will be reset no matter what challenges we encounter.

Ghana will be reset, come hell or highwater! So help us God!!

Rest in peace, trusted friend and brother

Elections & IT General of Elections 2024!
Activate all body-cams!!
Organise don't agonise!!!

PEACE

Song by Lionel Petersen

I will worship the Lord, for He is worthy
I will lay down my sword, the Prince of Peace is
His name

King of the flood, the Lord is mighty
The Lord can quench the evil flame.

Peace, when trouble blows
Jehovah sees, Jehovah knows
He is my peace, when sorrow nears
Jehovah sees, Jehovah hears.

Feel the presence of God upon the water
Hear the voice of the lord within the thunder
that rolls
King of the flood, the Lord is mighty
The Lord can calm the troubled soul.

Peace, when trouble blows
Jehovah sees, Jehovah knows
He is my peace, when sorrow nears
Jehovah sees, Jehovah hears.

Like the breath I need to live
Jehovah takes, Jehovah gives
Gives me peace when trouble blows
Jehovah sees, Jehovah hears.

Judgment coming, He is my peace
Men pursue me, He is my peace
Judgment coming, He is my peace
War may follow, I know, He is my peace.

Peace, when trouble blows
Jehovah sees, Jehovah knows
He is my peace, when sorrow nears
Jehovah sees, Jehovah hears.

TRIBUTE TO DR. EDWARD KOFI OMANE BOAMAH

**BY HON. HARUNA IDDRISU, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR TAMALE
SOUTH AND MINISTER FOR EDUCATION**

With a heart crushed beneath the weight of grief, I stand before a world that commiserates in sadness, a nation that is grief-stricken and the family of Dr Edward Kofi Omane Boamah that can only be utterly shaken to the core, to pay this untimely tribute in my capacity as a colleague Cabinet Minister to the Minister for Defence of the Republic of Ghana until that tragic event of Wednesday, 6th August, 2025.

On that fateful day, since dubbed Ghana's Black Wednesday, Dr Omane Boamah, onboard a Ghana Air Force Harbin Z-9 helicopter together with seven others, namely: Hon. Dr. Alhaji Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed – MP for Tamale Central and Minister for Environment, Science and Technology, Alhaji Limuna Muniru – Acting Deputy National Security Coordinator, Dr Samuel Sarpong – Vice Chairman of our National Democratic Congress, Samuel Aboagye – former parliamentary candidate, and the flight crew of Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, Flying Officer Manaen Twum Ampadu and Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah, were en route to Obuasi in the Ashanti Region for the launch of the Responsible Cooperative Mining and Skills Development Programme (rCOMSDEP) when their aircraft came down near Sikaman in the Adansi Akrofuom District in unconfirmed circumstances. All eight gallant Ghanaians perished in what Chief of Staff at the Presidency, Julius Debrah, described as a national tragedy.

As a nation, we are grief-stricken and mourn as we do because never in the history of Ghana has such a fate befallen us, for high-ranking state officials of

that stature to be lost as they were on that dark day. We grieve but submit to the ways of the all-knowing Allah. Because as we faithfully hold, it is Allah's will that what happened happened and happened as it did, gruesome and devastating as it is.

It is particularly so for Dr Omane Boamah for whom this eulogy goes because we know he was earlier not scheduled to be on that ill-fated flight. What a tragic loss! He was simply formidable, thoughtful and strategic in all he did, a political thinker whose singular preoccupation was Mahama's success driven by his love for mother Ghana.

You were a Founding Member of the Committee for Joint Action (CJA) with Kwesi Pratt, Bernard Mornah and Kwesi Adu among others.

From the night John Mahama conceded to the outcome of the 2016 elections to your untimely and tragic death in a helicopter crash, you served with unalloyed loyalty, dedication and unwavering commitment. Ghana has lost an exemplary Public Servant and son.

You told me and Rita that you were not interested and not likely to accept an appointment into His Excellency John Dramani Mahama's "Second Coming." You told me there were only two threats (to be shared in future or a later date) and God that could stand in the way of now President Mahama's return; and you worked with your Small Team to make it happen.

It is an irony of fate that the Minister of Defence was bereft of the defence he deserved when it mattered most, and the medical doctor was left with option for emergency care. Sad and, as it were, unacceptable as it is, who are we, mere mortals, to question the script of the All-Powerful yet Ever Merciful God.

Even as we've been to the family house to commiserate with the inconsolable Rita and the rest of the family, my heartfelt condolences go to them and the children again. Edward, your death is a terrible blow and very hard to bear, as you died in such a tragic way in the line of duty. May your blood so painfully shed be the caustic cleaning agent that purifies our water bodies from the pollution of heavy metals and restore our degraded forests from the evil of illegal small scale mining, otherwise known as "galamsey".

Omane Boamah and I, besides being trusted and able lieutenants as Cabinet Ministers of His Excellency the President, John Dramani Mahama, share in common a number of notable roles since our respective student days. In that sense and in reality, he was a younger brother to me, and a dear one at that. I am in great pain.

As I was from 1996 to 1997 in a memorable and epoch-making tenure, Edward was also President of the National Union of Ghana Students during his student days at the University of Ghana Medical School. His efficiency and political acumen were honed from those times as he combined the demands of medical education with student politics, also serving as the Coordinating Secretary of the Federation of Ghana Medical Students Association.

Again, Omame received my handing over notes in 2013 as he succeeded me as Minister of Communications during President Mahama's first presidency. At a time when that portfolio was combined with that of Information, he concurrently and ably served as the Spokesman for His Excellency the President. Previously, he had served in Deputy Ministerial capacities for Environment, Science and Technology and also for Youth and Sports during the tenure of

our late and beloved President John Evans Atta Mills. At a time when youth were not being credited with much experience and capacity, Omame Boamah was part of the corpus of we young and vibrant political activists whom President Mills purposefully sought to challenge with ministerial portfolios. And by the grace of God and by virtue of our preparation and the support of Ghanaians high and low, we delivered and lived up to the high expectation of us. Indeed, I was particularly tasked by the Venerable Ato Awhoi to recruit some of such student activists from NUGS to be appointed Ministers and Omame Boamah turned out to be one such vibrant and promising young politician.

Indeed, Omame Boamah has been described as the midwife who helped deliver NDC's resounding 2024 electoral victory in his capacity as the Party's untiring Director of Elections and IT. His brilliance and ability to quickly find solutions to problems and as a strategist inspired President John Mahama to entrust him with the high office of Defence Minister. It is regrettable that you have been so cruelly snatched away from us just seven months into the victory you worked so hard to achieve, and while our arduous duty to reset Ghana has just begun.

Like a gallant warrior, you went on an important mission to help save our nation from the canker of "galamsey". As Defence Minister, you led the charge in a military helicopter to help battle Ghana's current existential threat of illegal small scale mining. You showed leadership. But alas, and heart-wrenchingly so, it was a mission of no return. But as the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church – as your beloved Pope John's Senior High School and Minor Seminary would have taught you – your work and the ultimate price you paid will never be forgotten. I have lost a brother and a friend. Only you could calm me because you understood my irrepressible and optimistic temperament. You would tell them, "Leave Haruna to me."



As we commit the mortal remains of my Friend, Brother and Colleague into the bosom of Mother Earth, I hark to the words of the immortal lines the Armed Forces call forth to bid farewell to their fallen heroes – the Binyon Verses:

Omane, “[You] shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary [you], nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning we
will remember [you].

Rest in perfect peace, Dr Omame Boamah. The memory of you was to work for Mahama to succeed. Yes, indeed, and you began to succeed in that resolve with our electoral victory.

Fare thee well My Brother and Friend, Dr Edward Omame Boamah – Minister for Defence of the Republic of Ghana: January 20, 2025 to August 6, 2025.

CELEBRATING THE MARTYRS OF AUGUST 6

EULOGY IN HONOUR OF THE MEMORY OF DR. EDWARD KOFI OMANE BOAMAH BY SAMUEL OKUDZETO ABLAKWA (MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MP FOR NORTH TONGU)

Shattered, devastated, speechless, shaken, traumatized, heartbroken, horrified, depressed, petrified — all these words fail to do justice to our current tribulation.

I ask, where is our omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient God?

We are told God's ways are not our ways, but who will dare convince us that this is God's way?

When we were asked to disregard the forces with power over the body and focus on our creator who has power over the soul — we were never really prepared for this day.

No human being deserves to die in this manner.

Certainly, our 8 martyrs — for all their exploits, kind deeds and good works for our dear country, definitely did not deserve to depart this world in such unspeakable circumstances.

The martyrs of August 6 — Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah, Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed, Alhaji Muniru Mohammed, Dr. Samuel Sarpong, Samuel Aboagye, Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala, Flying Officer Mane Twum Ampadu, Sgt. Ernest Addo Mensah — all these noble compatriots have not only come to represent the mystery of life, they now epitomize courageous patriots who will

eternally be celebrated locally and internationally.

As Ghana's Foreign Minister, I have been deeply moved by the overwhelming tributes from world leaders and international organizations of great repute. I am particularly touched by the painstaking efforts by these leaders to personally reach out to President John Mahama and the Foreign Ministry to convey their heartfelt condolences and high regard for our fallen heroes.

Indeed, a man's worth is not to be measured by mere longevity but by the impact they had.

I dedicate this eulogy in honour of the memory of Dr. Edward Kofi Omane Boamah — for our extraordinary relationship is no secret.

When I met Dr. Omane Boamah some 23 years ago, he was already a well respected and deeply admired student activist. His tenure as NUGS President was considered successful and consequential by many, regardless of their ideological persuasion.

In our passionate conversations those days, Dr. Omane Boamah will go on and on about how the legendary Ernesto Che Guevara inspires him.

He was the first to present to me books and manuals on revolution from Che.

Omane Boamah and Che Guevara had a lot in common — the rare phenomenon of medical students who made time for activism, medical doctors who believed revolutions heal better than medicine, frontline activists who sacrificed for a fair and just society until the very end.

And like Dr. Che Guevara, Dr. Omame Boamah died on the frontlines of active service — Che, fighting for political justice; Omame, fighting for environmental justice.

Fortuitously, they were both taken away in their prime — Che at 39, Omame at 49.

Dr. Edward Kofi Omame Boamah was my big brother, comrade, confidante and ever-present political ally.

He was the only person to read my draft NUGS manifesto. He offered valuable inputs to make it the winning manifesto at that fiercely and closely contested 2005 NUGS presidential election where I won with a 6 vote margin.

He had served as NUGS President some three years prior to my election. He was an outstanding President.

His famous GETFund agitations as leader of NUGS, which he later chronicled in his first book titled: GETFund: A NUGS President's account, helped preserve statutory allocations to the GETFund.

He ought to be credited for successfully stopping diversions and under-declarations from the GETFund as NUGS President. By that defining intervention, he contributed greatly in preserving the fund which is today a major source of President Mahama's visionary educational policies, notably: the No Fees Stress initiative, GHS50million Research Fund and Free Sanitary Pads.

When I won the NUGS presidency, Dr. Omame Boamah became my chief advisor and strategist extraordinaire.

The impact of my tenure is a reflection of the treasure trove of perspectives and generous guidance he willingly offered.

Our relationship grew stronger, closer and deeper even beyond student activism and national politics.

I did not hesitate when Dr. Omame Boamah asked me to MC his wedding to beautiful, gracious, sharply intelligent and self-effacing Rita in 2006.

I was also deeply honoured when he asked me to accompany him to the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital on that joyous occasion when Akua — his first daughter, was born in 2007.

We were always there for each other to commemorate milestones. He travelled to Wa with me for my own marriage ceremony.

When I decided to contest as MP in my beloved North Tongu, he was with me in every single village during my first primaries in 2012. He was a true and loyal brother.

When Uncle Ato Ahwoi set out to recruit me into the Committee for Joint Action (CJA) and the NDC on the instruction of Prof. John Evans Atta Mills, it was Dr. Omame Boamah who facilitated the process — having by that time, honed his skills for political conspiracies of this nature. It is worth remembering that he was also recruited by Uncle Ato.

As CJA activists, we were both privileged to learn at the feet of stalwarts such as Uncle Ato Ahwoi, Dr. Obed Asamoah, the late Dr. David Pessey, Comrade Kwasi Pratt Jnr, Comrade Kwasi Adu, Comrade Kyeretwie Opoku, Alhaji Ahmed Ramadan and the late Danny Ofori-Atta.

Of course, His Excellency Prof. John Evans Atta Mills of blessed memory and His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, our current President, were keen participants in CJA events across the country between 2006 and 2008 — we have always been immensely grateful for their mentorship.



Dr. Omane Boamah was a brave activist, despite police brutalities during CJA demonstrations, he never stopped organizing more. His mantra was: let's organize not agonize. I know he would prefer we organize in helping President Mahama achieve his reset agenda for Ghana instead of agonizing over his painful loss — but that is not an easy ask.

I do recall the unwarranted machinations of misguided national security operatives in a chaotic attempt to scuttle a 2008 CJA demonstration in Tamale with helicopters. The choppers were made to stir up dust, Omane continued in the leadership of that eventful mammoth demonstration much against the strong advice from a few of us who knew he was asthmatic and therefore had to avoid such unfavorable conditions — he defied us. Omane survived the 2008 helicopters, he didn't survive the 2025 helicopter.

Then there was that scary strange highway gun attack we suffered around Techiman on our way to organize a CJA demonstration. Those gun shots riddled through the commercial bus we had boarded with remarkable precision leaving passengers injured. Dr. Omane Boamah, Felix Kwakye Ofori, Captain Doudou and my good self have not stopped thanking God for that narrow escape.

Dr. Omane Boamah joined the NDC by choice and after sober ideological reflection following numerous engagements with Uncle Ato. He opted to become a member when the NDC was in opposition during the Kufuor presidency. Having been born in an NPP family and having been issued a party card by the NPP's first National General Secretary, Mr. Joseph Agyenim Boateng — which he wasn't afraid to show some of us — he could have chosen to easily align with the ruling NPP at the time after his NUGS presidency where the reward would have been immediate and bountiful — instead he chose his conscience and his conviction, not personal comfort. That is how he became a formidable leading member of the NDC.

Dr. Omane Boamah earned his appointment from President Mahama as Minister of Defence through years of hard work, loyalty, sweat, toil, deep thinking and sacrifice.

His extraordinary output as NDC Election Director where he formulated an impregnable strategy to protect the votes of the Ghanaian people, to famously activate body cameras, and to secure for the NDC the most emphatic electoral victory in history is no mean feat. It takes a very special comrade to achieve that.



Omane Boamah was not only an activist, thinker and political strategist, he was also a policy wonk. Many do not know that he was the brain behind Free Primary Healthcare and the Mahama Cares programme.

Dr. Omame Boamah was an exceptional father. We all admired him for how he made considerable time for his dear wife, Rita and children: Akua, Ama and Yaw. He was uncompromising about quality family time and family obligations. The time he spent teaching his children at home made us question the fairness in making him pay the same school fees as other absentee daddies.

When he admonished us to always make time for family, I thought his deliberate planning, time-management and commitment for family was shaped exclusively by the tragic loss of his father when he was in medical school, it could never have occurred to me that like his own father's early departure, there would be a sad recurrence, hence his remarkable fatherly role in laying a solid foundation for his children. And I can proudly confirm, having spent long hours with his amazing family, particularly in these difficult moments that he really did an excellent job.

Before his call to glory, Dr. Omame Boamah was working on two books — one to celebrate Prof. John Evans Atta Mills and the other about his political journey and proximity to President John Mahama. He was kind to share some of the scripts with me.

May I humbly appeal that we collectively ensure a posthumous publication of these two books as an enduring and befitting honour to his memory.

I am eternally grateful for all you did for me, bro — this is not how we planned it — but I know God is preserving your soul in a much better place.

Finally, may we sincerely resolve that the deaths of our 8 fallen heroes would not be in vain.

Let us all relentlessly and genuinely support President Mahama to achieve the environmental justice for which the 8 Martyrs made the ultimate sacrifice.

Rest well, all you martyrs of August 6.

Ghana and the world shall never ever forget your sacrifice.

TRIBUTE BY HON. KWABENA MINTAH AKANDOH

IN MEMORY OF DR. EDWARD KOFI OMANE BOAMAH, MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

The news of your passing has left me shattered. It is not just the loss of a colleague, it is the loss of a man who shaped my journey, believed in my potential, and stood by me through every season of growth.

You were more than a Minister of State. To me, you were a compass, steady, wise, and always pointing me toward excellence. From the early days of our friendship, you saw something in me that I hadn't yet seen in myself. You challenged me to think bigger, to serve deeper, and to never settle for mediocrity.

I remember vividly how you encouraged me to further my education. You said, And these words became a fire in my spirit, pushing me to pursue advanced studies and sharpen my voice in national discourse.

You were my consultant in more ways than one—always ready to review a speech, refine a policy idea, or offer quiet wisdom when the noise of politics grew loud. You never withheld your brilliance, and you never let me walk alone.

In moments of doubt, you reminded me of my purpose. In moments of triumph, you reminded me to stay humble. You taught me that leadership is not about power—it's about people.

Indeed, you made such a mark in my life that 12 years ago, we decided to name our youngest son after you – Kofi Omane Boamah.

My Brother, your death has left a void that no title, no tribute, no time can fill. But your life has left a legacy that will guide mine forever. You may be gone, but you continue to live in my heart and in my home.

I will carry your lessons into every room I enter, every decision I make, and every young leader I mentor.

Rest well, Dr. Omane Boamah. You lived with purpose, you led with grace, and you loved with sincerity.

May the angels receive you. May the heavens remember your name. And may your soul find eternal peace in the presence of the God you served so faithfully.

Farewell, my brother. Your light still shines.

TRIBUTE FROM MP FOR TAMALE NORTH, HON SUHUYINI

TO THE LATE HON. ALHAJI DR. MURTALA IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD

Murtala was a force of nature, a man who lived and acted to his own rhythm. His aura was unmistakable, his voice never faltered. He lived boldly and departed with such resonance that his impact still echoes. I always cherished the pride and affection with which he called me his “younger brother,” as if it were a title to be earned rather than a simple fact.

He was my senior at Ghana Secondary School in Tamale and had already left Tamale Training College a year before I enrolled. Yet, his legacy, the Azayaman, lingered, inspiring even those who never met him. Our first personal encounter came when I hosted the Radio Morning Show on Diamond FM in Tamale, where he was a frequent and distinguished panelist. His views were unapologetically Pan-African, and he defended them with a passion that bordered on devotion.

When we later crossed paths in politics, ours was a relationship of contrasts, love, friction, and mutual respect. At first, he saw me as too cautious; I saw him as too idealistic. But over time, he came to appreciate my pragmatism, just as I grew to admire his unfiltered honesty. He wore his heart on his sleeve, never one for pretense.

As Member of Parliament for Tamale Central, our constituencies shared boundaries, and he pushed us to compete, not for personal gain, but to better serve our people, who faced shared struggles and shared bloodlines. His drive was relentless; he always sought to do more.

Our last conversation followed our usual playful banter. He was helping some of my constituents secure jobs at an agency under his Ministry of Environment, and I, in turn, had arranged opportunities for youth in his constituency through the Ministry of Roads. True to form, he challenged me: You can and should do more. I promised to try.

It's still hard to believe such a vibrant spirit is gone. Rest in power, Senior Brother.

NYAB-DAKPEMA CHIEF, TAMALE TRADITIONAL AREA

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONOURABLE ALHAJI DR. MURTALA IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD

With hearts heavy with grief, Nyab Tamale Dakpena, Naa Bawa Fuseini and elders of Dakpema Palace Joins the people of Tamale Central, Dagbang and the Northern Region in mourning the passing of our illustrious son, Honourable Alhaji Dr. Murtala Ibrahim Muhammad

Hon. Murtala was not only a statesman but also a devoted Muslim whose life was guided by Faith, humility and service to humanity. His steadfast dedication to the development of his constituency was evident in the numerous projects he initiated and completed- From the construction of clinics and boreholes to the establishment of entertainment Fields that brought joy and unity to our communities.

A man with a heart for education, He introduced a sponsorship package for medical students, investing in the Future of our region and the health of our people.

For many parents whose wards benefitted from this noble initiative, his loss is a personal tragedy that will be felt for years to come.

His demise is not only a loss to his immediate family but also to Dagbang and Northern Region at large. We have lost a visionary, a leader, and a compassionate soul who worked tirelessly for the betterment of his people.

Ghana has lost an illustrious son, The National Democratic Congress has lost a great asset, and indeed, The Parliament of Ghana will miss his industry, his passion, and tenacity of purpose.

We pray that the Almighty Allah grants him Jannatul Firdaus and comforts all who mourn him. May the Tamale Central constituency be blessed with a worthy successor who will walk in his footsteps, uphold his legacy and continue the work he so selflessly began.

Farewell, Hon. Murtala Ibrahim Muhammad. Your name will remain etched in our hearts, and your works will continue to speak for you.

TRIBUTE BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

IN HONOUR OF OUR FALLEN COMPATRIOTS

With hearts weighed in grief, the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference received the heartrending news of the tragic helicopter crash that claimed the lives of eight valiant sons of our beloved homeland. These distinguished compatriots, resolute in duty and noble in purpose, were engaged in a mission of profound moral and national significance - combating the scourge of illegal mining and safeguarding the integrity of our God-given environment for the well-being of both present and unborn generations.

Their untimely departure is not only a source of deep anguish to their families but also a grievous wound to the soul of our nation. In the ultimate gift of their lives to this cause, they bore witness to the highest ideals of public service and patriotic sacrifice. The forests they sought to preserve, the rivers they strove to keep pure, and the lands they laboured to defend will forever bear silent testimony to their devotion to the common good.

With solemn reverence, we recall the names of our fallen brothers:

- Dr Edward Kofi Omane Boamah,
- Dr Ibrahim Murtala Muhammed,
- Alhaji Muniru Mohammed Limuna,
- Dr Samuel Sarpong,
- Mr Samuel Aboagye,
- Squadron Leader Peter Bafemi Anala,
- Flying Officer Twum Ampadu,
- and Sergeant Ernest Addo Mensah.

On behalf of the Catholic Church in Ghana and the faithful entrusted to our pastoral care, we convey our deepest condolences to the bereaved families, the Ghana Armed Forces, and the Government of Ghana. We share in your sorrow and stand in prayerful solidarity during these days of national mourning.

In the words of the Psalmist, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants" (Psalm 116:15). We commend the souls of these noble sons into the merciful embrace of our Lord Jesus Christ, confident in His promise that "Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). May they rest in the peace of Christ until that day when, clothed with immortality, they shall rise in glory.

May their sacrifice rekindle in every Ghanaian a renewed determination to guard the integrity of our natural heritage and to labour, each in our own way, for the realisation of the Ghana they so ardently envisioned.

MOST REV. MATTHEW KWASI GYAMFI
CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SUNYANI &
PRESIDENT, GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS'
CONFERENCE

SPECIAL TRIBUTE BY MAMPRUGU KAYA NI TA'ADA

TO HON. DR. IBRAHIM MURTALA MOHAMMED AND HON. ALHAJI MUNIRU MOHAMMED LIMUNA.

Mamprugu Kaya Ni Ta'ada joins many others around the world in expressing our profound condolences to the families of the eight dead, who included five top government officials and three servicemen, in the helicopter crash on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

We do, however, extend our heartfelt condolences to Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed and Hon. Alhaji Muniru Mohammed Limuna's immediate families, as well as the people of Dagbon and Gonjaland.

Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed, Tamale Central's MP and Minister of Environment, Science, and Technology, was an in-law to the Mamprugu Kingdom. His first wife, with whom he had his first son, is a Mamprugu Princess from Gbimsi. She is the daughter of the late Chief Gabu-Naaba Wuni Yamusah, a retired anesthetist.

Mba Gabu-Naa Wuni Yamusah was the son of the late Chief of Gbimsi, Kug-Raan Yamusah. Kug-Raan Yamusah was the son of Mamprugu's 22nd King, Naa Sigri Sulemana. As a result, Hon. Dr. Murtala Mohammed was an in-law of Mamprusi and the entire Mamprugu kingdom.

Hon. Alhaji Muniru Limuna, on the other hand, had a close relationship with the Mamprugu kingdom and held high regard for His Royal Majesty Tiduguma Nayiri Naa Bohagu Abdulai Mahami Sheriga during his tenure as then Northern Regional Minister, which included the Northern, North East, and Savannah regions.

Hon. Alhaji Muniru Limuna played a significant role in resolving the long-standing Konkomba-Bimoba conflict that plagued the Mamprugu kingdom a decade ago. The crisis was amicably and permanently settled thanks to his efforts as regional minister and influential Konkomba and Bimoba opinion leaders. Bimoba and Konkomba leaders, as well as youth, convened at the Nayiri Palace in Nalerigu in 2015 and smoke a peace pipe and have since lived peacefully.

Hon. Alhaji Muniru Mohammed Limuna is equally an in-law to Mamprusi and the Mamprugu kingdom, as he's married to a daughter of the late Alhaji Ligbi from Gambaga. This shows how we're interwoven as a people and gives us more reason to be united in the midst of this unfortunate tragedy. We urge all well-meaning Ghanaians to heed to His Royal Majesty Tiduguma Nayiri Naa Bohagu Abdulai Mahami Sheriga's call for national unity in the wake of this national tragedy.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the immediate families of the deceased, particularly our sisters, the wives of Hon. Dr. Murtala Mohammed and Hon. Alhaji Mohammed Limuna and their children our nephews, as well as our sister kingdoms, Dagbon and Gonjaland, and the nation as a whole.

Thank you.
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