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**PRESS RELEASE**

Good day Fellow Ghanaians, Africans and Sympathizers.

The AGBOTUI & ALLIED FAMILIES, Home and Abroad have noticed in circulation on social media, a press release supposedly coming from the office of the Former President Jerry John Rawlings; that the Family in consultation with the Government agreed that the date for the State Funeral of the Former President is confirmed for Wednesday 23rd December, 2020.

We wish to inform the general public that no such consultation has taken place, and as such the former press release confirming the date of his funeral should be disregarded. The Chiefs and people of Anlo State, inclusive of all the AGBOTUI AND ALLIED FAMILIES are yet to come to a set date for the process of the final funeral rites of the late President Jerry John Rawlings.

Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings was not only a former President of Ghana but a Chief of Anlo under the Title of (**TORGBI NUTIFABA I**). Ex. President J. J. Rawlings comes from a highly respected family and has lived up to that reputation and must be accorded the due respect and honour.

Former President Jerry John Rawlings served this nation for nineteen good years with much dedication, self-sacrifice, and by the grace of God brought into being the Fourth Republic which has earned Ghana an enviable global recognition. We must be careful to protect this legacy and also preserve the uniqueness of our different cultures and traditions that make this nation great and strong.

The general public is duly informed on the position of the Anlo Chiefs and people, and any inconvenience this may cause anyone is deeply regretted. However, information as to the new date and details of the funeral arrangements of our Beloved **Papa J** will be conveyed after a thorough and broad consultation with the Families, the Government, and The Anlo State to give him a befitting burial.

We are counting on the good office of H.E Nana Addo Danquah Akufo Addo, a highly respected and celebrated Akyem Royal to ensure that the customs of the Anlos and the right procedures are duly respected.

Thank you.

Signed By:



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Napoleon Kwame Agbotui  
(Secretary)