

**PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE CHIEFS AND PEOPLE OF PUSIGA ON THE  
INVASION OF THE COMBINED TEAM OF THE MILITARY AND POLICE  
DETACHMENT AT THE PUSIGA CHIEF PALACE ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

Distinguished members of the media fraternity, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen. You are welcome to today's press encounter in Pusiga.

The invasion of Pusigawhich has been in existence for several centuries has always been peaceful and has never experience what happened yesterday by the security apparatus. It is with the greatest disappointment that we have gathered here today to address the unwarranted and unprofessional attack on the revered Pusiga NabaTambisbaalug-Koweake and the ancient Pusiga skin on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Ladies and Gentlemen, a team of military and police personnel in about 10 armored vehicleswith about 70-armed military and police personnel led by the both the Upper East Regional military and police commanders invaded the PusigaNaba palace at about 11:00am.They surrounded the palace and ransacked the rooms, cut open the ceiling in some of the rooms and vandalized sacred and some personal items.These soldiers treated the palace as a crime scene and manhandled its occupants.

We are appalled by this development given that the security has always enjoyed some level of cooperation from our chiefs in their quest to safeguard the territorial integrity of Ghana's borders and maintain peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we can not lose sight of the fact that the unprofessional conduct of the military goes in line with the predictions of some pseudo Facebook accounts fueling the Bawku conflict. These sources have on several occasions stated how plans were advanced to break the resilience of the Kusaasis by attacking key personalities like the NabaTambisbaalug-Koweake.

During the raid, the soldiers made some shocking statements claiming that they acted on their intelligence report.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is curious to note that close to 24 hours after the shameful incident, no word has been heard from the military and police high command.

From the foregoing therefore, we wish to the state following:

1. That Pusiga remains peaceful with no link to the disturbances in Bawku. The town is full of life and people are going about their normal duties. It is therefore sad to realize that the state security is trying hard to extend the conflict to Pusiga. Whatever their motives are, we do not know. However, we wish to reassure the

people of Pusiga and Kusaug that the chief and his elders will continue do everything to maintain the enviable peace we enjoy as people and defend Pusiga against any form of aggression.

2. We consider the action taken at the palace of our revered chief as an attack meant to embarrass the entire people of Pusiga and call for immediate unqualified apology from the two state security agencies.

3. The two state securities must adopt the use of modern intelligence gathering techniques and move away from the roadside gossips that only leaves them eggshells on their faces like what happened in Pusiga yesterday.

4. We wish to remind the state security agencies that the people of Pusiga are citizens of Ghana and are entitled to state protection and not military brutality. We demand that the Rambo style raid be thoroughly investigated.

In conclusion, the chiefs and people of Pusiga demand a 24-hour security protection of our revered chief and the ancient palace.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, our friends from the media, we will like to thank you all for coming.

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