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Statement on the Terrorist Attack Affecting Ghanaian Tomato Traders in Burkina Faso

The Ghana Agriculture and Rural Development Journalists Association (GARDJA) expresses profound shock and deepest condolences following the tragic terrorist attack in Titao, northern Burkina Faso, which claimed the lives of seven Ghanaian tomato traders and left at least four others injured. Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, and all those affected by this senseless act of violence.

We recognize that these traders were not only contributors to Ghana's agricultural economy but also key participants in regional trade, strengthening food security and rural livelihoods. The loss of these lives is a devastating blow to both their families and the agricultural sector at large.

GARDJA calls on the Government, relevant authorities, and regional partners to ensure the safe return of survivors, provide immediate support to the injured, and strengthen measures to protect Ghanaian farmers and traders operating across borders. We urge continued vigilance and attention to the security of agricultural value chains, which are essential for national and regional development.

As journalists covering agriculture and rural development, we stand in solidarity with the victims, their families, and the wider trading community. We remain committed to raising awareness about the risks faced by our farmers and traders, advocating for their safety, and highlighting the resilience of our country's agricultural sector in the face of adversity.

Signed,

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