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CDD-Ghana Mourns Victims of Helicopter Crash

The Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) extends its deepest condolences to the families of the eight (8) individuals, among them the Minister of Defense, Dr. Omane Boamah, and the Minister of Environment, Science, and Technology, Dr. Murtala Mohammed, who tragically lost their lives in a helicopter crash on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

We also express our sympathy to the President and Government of Ghana, the Ghana Armed Forces, and the National Democratic Congress, all of whom have lost dedicated and distinguished members in this national tragedy.

In this period of grief, we urge the public and media to show compassion, respect the dignity of the deceased and the privacy of the bereaved families.

CDD-Ghana also supports calls for a thorough investigation into the cause of the accident.

The passing of these officials, who died in service to the nation while en route to Obuasi, Ashanti Region, to launch a government initiative against illegal mining, should strengthen our resolve to intensify the fight against this destructive practice.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families, friends, and colleagues of the deceased, and with the entire nation during this time of mourning.

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About CDD-Ghana

Established in 1998, Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) is an independent not-for-profit think-and-do-tank that works through research, policy engagement, thought leadership, and civic dialogue and partnerships to promote and strengthen democracy, good governance, and inclusive development in Ghana and the rest of Africa. A founding Core Partner (and Ghana National Partner) of Afrobarometer, CDD-Ghana is also the convener and secretariat for the Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO), West Africa Election Observers Network (WAEON), and West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network (WADEMOS).

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