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Communiqué on the attack at GBHS Ekondo Titi on Wednesday 24th November 2021

What have our Children done? What is their crime? Is it something beyond their going to school? Can someone tell us what else we should do to save the lives of our children? How are we ever going to wipe away this curse from our midst? Can our children be given their chance and space to grow into adults? Where is the gain in killing them?

The injuring of eleven (11) students and the murder of three (3) students and a teacher at GBHS Ekondo Titi on Wednesday 24th November 2021 by armed men who opened fire and detonated explosives can be described as the apex of human barbarism.

We learnt that the incident happened between 8:00am and 8:30am on Wednesday 24th November 2021 when students and teachers had just arrived the campus.

It is unacceptable that guns and other ammunitions be used in protected areas like schools. Schools are supposed to be places of study and safety for children, even during war.

We condemn in the strongest possible terms this inhumane and devilish act perpetuated on innocent children and their teachers whose only crime was to provide and receive knowledge. We must allow children to acquire education no matter what; else what kind of future are we building for our children and nation?

We have repeatedly called on genuine dialogue over the use of arms to resolve the crisis that have plunged the North West and

South West regions into a shadow of itself for the past 5 years and counting. We still do so now!

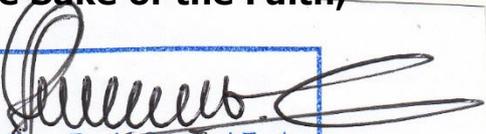
Our heartfelt condolences go to the bereaved families and we pray that those who are injured will receive recovery in the shortest possible time in Jesus' name.

We demand a thorough investigation into this act and its perpetrators dealt with, to forestall its reoccurrence. We say here with all that it takes that, NEVER AGAIN!

We shall not allow fear to cripple our dreams of God's plans for our lives in acquiring education for this is a basic human right. In 2 Timothy 1:7 Paul encourages us with these words, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

We invite all to come back to Jesus Christ and receive his peace for as it seems man's peace has failed. Jesus says, "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*" John 14:27 "*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" Philippians 4:7

Yours for the Sake of the Faith,



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